

MARY BETH SUSMAN

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Mary Beth Susman is a former Denver City Councilwoman and served two terms as President of the Council. She spear-headed the city's recreational marijuana ordinances; helped develop the 2040 City Comprehensive Plan and the Green Roofs ordinances; developed Denver's short term rental ordinances; led the creation of the Denver Transportation and Infrastructure department and developed several legislative innovations related to e-bikes, e-scooters, and ride-share technologies.

She served on various council committees, including chairing the Land Use committee for 6 years. She also served on the board of Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Transportation Solutions Board of Directors, Metro County Commissioners, National League of Cities, Colorado Municipal League, the Denver Planning Board, and presently sits on the Metro Water Recovery Board.

She received her Ph.D. from the University of Denver and spent her earlier career in higher education, retiring as Vice-President of the Colorado Community College System. She was the founding President and CEO of three state-wide online colleges in Colorado, Kentucky and Louisiana, which now serve over 300,000 students. She is a Smithsonian Laureate for her seminal work in online education and her archives were placed in the Smithsonian American History collection in 2001.