



# Kristen Weaver

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Kristen Weaver was born in Greeley, Colorado. She earned a bachelor's degree in computer science and psychology (2004) and a master's in education (2006) from the University of Denver. She became a certified teacher in 2005. Weaver taught science and mathematics in Denver Public Schools from 2005-2007. After reconnecting with her now-husband, A.J. Stephens, a friend from childhood, she moved to the D.C. area to teach middle school science in Montgomery County Public Schools from 2007-2013. In 2013 she became an outreach specialist at Goddard Space Flight Center, currently with Science Systems and Applications, Inc.

In 2015, Weaver and A.J. moved to the Greenbelt Station neighborhood for proximity to both her work and the Metro. She was also drawn to Greenbelt's history and cooperative ethos. Weaver soon began attending city council meetings to learn more about plans for the walking path to the Metro station. Events such as the Labor Day parade brought back fond memories of July Fourth festivities in her hometown, where neighborhood gatherings were frequent. After years of living in apartments and barely knowing neighbors by sight, Weaver was excited to find in Greenbelt the sense of community she had known growing up.

Since moving to Greenbelt Station, Weaver has been involved in the homeowner's association, currently serving as chair of the Activities Committee, as well as taking a leadership role in the Greenbelt Neighborhood Composting group at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. She served on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board from 2018 until her election to council in 2021, and continues to serve as council liaison to PRAB. She also serves as liaison to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability, which meshes well with her interest in environmental causes, such as supporting the Better Bag ordinance and promoting electric vehicles and infrastructure, stormwater management and other climate resilience issues as part of the city's planning processes.

As a member of Greenbelt City Council, Weaver is proud to have participated in the distribution of the federal American Rescue Plan Act funding through a variety of projects that support individual Greenbelters, businesses and nonprofits and catching up on infrastructure improvements delayed by the pandemic. Personally, she feels she has been able to contribute to making online meetings more effective and facilitating resident participation during hybrid sessions. If re-elected, she hopes to continue to be part of bringing neighborhoods together and building a stronger sense of community for all city residents.