

# **Garret L. Nancolas**

## **Mayor 1998 – 2021**



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He married Pamela, his wife since 1980, and they have two children, Caleb and Ashley, as well as two granddaughters Lily and Melody. His family shares a love and respect for this great city and its people, who make it such a wonderful place to live, work and play. His personal interests include hunting, fishing, sports and music and he is active in his church.

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As Mayor, he has been involved in dozens of committees and organizations. He served as the first Vice President and President for the Association of Idaho Cities and chaired their Idaho Local Government Energy Committee, served on the COMPASS (Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho) Executive committee, Finance committee and Board of Director's committee, Valley Regional Transit committee, Boise Metro Economic Development Community Services Council committee, IPSCC (Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission) committee, TVP (Treasure Valley Partnership) committee, YMCA Advisory Board committee and Board of Directors for ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program).

Nationally, Garret Nancolas serves as the chairman on the National League of Cities' Small Cities Council, Small Cities Steering Committee and their Youth and Education Forum, currently serving as YEF's chairman. He also serves on the AIC's Legislative Committee, Policy and Resolutions Committee, Environmental Committee and is a founding member and chairman of the Youth & Families Task Force, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for NARC (National Association of Regional Councils/Transportation).

Within Idaho, he served two years as President, and one year as Secretary of Sage Community Resources. He was the first Chairman of the Treasure Valley Regional Transportation. He has served as the Chairman for COMPASS twice. He has also served on the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission, Caldwell's East Urban Renewal Agency, was a founding chair of the Treasure Valley Partnership Board.

Garret Nancolas has received several awards for his leadership abilities. These awards include: honored as the 2016 'Children's Champion' by the Idaho Voices for Children; received the Leadership Excellence Award and the Energy Excellence Award from Rebuild America; awarded the Dave Johnson Rotary Award from the Caldwell Rotary Club for excellence in business and community development; and received the City Achievement Award from the Association of Idaho Cities.

He has been invited by various communities and organizations to speak on issues of family and youth and has helped form youth councils nationwide. His greatest passion is for the youth of Caldwell and he truly believes they are our most valuable asset. This has been manifested by instituting the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council - a very successful organization of youth from Caldwell's high schools who help determine and plan for the future. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council has received a technical assistance grant and recognition from the National League of Cities. He was also very involved in the schools, the local YMCA and surrounding colleges, including guest lecturing at the College of Idaho.