

GreenTree Cooperative Grocery
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Statement of Board Candidacy

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Years active: N/A

- 1. What skills and experiences would make you a valuable director for GreenTree?**
- 2. Why are you running?**
- 3. Looking five to 10 years into the future, where do you see GreenTree and by what path would you take to get there?**
- 4. Where do you think GreenTree as an organization (not the store) is least developed where it ought to be, and what would you do to address that?**

Dear Board of Directors,

Please accept this letter as a formal acknowledgment of my interest in serving on the Board of Directors of the GreenTree Cooperative Grocery. My wife and I have been enthusiastic Owners of "GreenTree" since moving to Mount Pleasant three years ago, and my wife has served on the Board of Directors during this time. We have been involved in food co-ops and community supported agriculture in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Personally, I value the role GreenTree plays in building a healthy and engaging community. I would like to volunteer my time to ensure that GreenTree has a secure and vibrant future.

I see GreenTree as a leader in our community, and I believe it has the potential to drive positive change from the ground up. We have the opportunity to work with a supportive network of Owners who will help build new infrastructure within downtown that will exist for the next 50 years. We will provide healthy food, fun, and entertainment for years to come. We will make Mount Pleasant a "cool city" and convince young professionals to make this city their home.

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I hold a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Pennsylvania State University, and I performed postdoctoral research at Yale University. Although these experiences do not directly prepare me for the challenges of working on the Board of Directors, they do support that I am a critical thinker and a problem solver. I can think outside of the box and identify viable solutions.

Additionally, as a founding faculty member of the Central Michigan University College of Medicine, I have extensive experience working on committees charged with assessing and evaluating programs, the quality of our students, and complying with accrediting agencies. I also manage an infectious disease laboratory, which requires writing federal grants and manuscripts. I believe that my professional experience can be applied to helping run a cooperative grocery store.

Thank you for considering me as a member of the Board of GreenTree Cooperative. I appreciate this opportunity!

Sincerely,
Michael J. (MJ) Conway