

GreenTree Cooperative Grocery  
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# Statement of Board Candidacy

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**Years active:** Member since 2010

## 1. What skills and experiences would make you a valuable director for GreenTree?

My wife and I are acting owners of a business downtown. I teach in the college of business at CMU. I serve as treasurer for the Union of Teaching Faculty.

## 2. Why are you running?

I'm a proponent for the philosophy underlying cooperatives, and I want to see them succeed. Like a democracy, cooperatives are built upon service. I want to work on the Board to continue the growth of GreenTree's community.

## 3. Looking five to 10 years into the future, where do you see GreenTree and by what path would you take to get there?

I see GreenTree playing an important role in creating a vibrant downtown—a downtown as a destination in itself. I would support GreenTree's participation in downtown events, and other strategies to foster the growth of downtown. After all, GreenTree is a downtown business—a neighborhood business—it should be recognized as such.

## 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?

I've been happy with course GreenTree as an organization has been taking. Unfortunately, I'm not familiar enough with all the facets of GreenTree to determine which is the weakest.