

GreenTree Cooperative Grocery
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Statement of Board Candidacy

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Years active: 13 years

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

I have been passionate in regards to the accessibility of wholesome, organic foods, for 30+ years, as well as sustainability practices in our community.

I have been managing a cultural program for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for about 5 years and I have learned so much, I work very closely with my tribe's grant department and have been awarded many grants in the last two years. I hope I can bring valuable insight that may benefit GreenTree in many different ways.

The program that I manage has much to do with healthy life ways, traditional knowledge and resurgence of cultural practices of our area. I believe that I could offer a viewpoint that may have been overlooked in the past. I am positive, energetic and I am always striving to represent all people, of all backgrounds.

2. Why are you running?

It has always been an interest of mine, I would love to assist in any way that I could, to make GreenTree the best it could possibly be.

Really, I just love GreenTree and I always have!

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

It would be great to see GreenTree obtain a larger, more comfortable shopping area. I would like to be more aware of how the current Board and staff members feel about this before I choose paths.

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 don't feel very qualified to look from the outside and make an assumption on the organization, as I would need to make myself more familiar with the structure within. I feel very

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strongly that GreenTree has serious potential. I would like to discuss grant possibilities and some sources of funding for the betterment of the store.