

GreenTree Cooperative Grocery
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Statement of Board Candidacy

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Years active: Since 1989

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

I was the Merchandising Manager/Grocery Buyer at the store from June 2009 until December 2016 when I moved to the Grand Rapids area. I understand daily running of the store and the need for a relocation.

2. Why are you running?

Because I love GreenTree Co-op!! I also feel that my prior experience of working at the store has given me insight to the needs of both the customers and the employees.

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 the Co-op in a shiny new building with parking, office space for the managers, lower prices for items, a breakroom, a community room for the Annual Meeting, and employees making a living wage with health benefits. It will take time to achieve this goal, but I know that under the leadership of Sarah Christensen, it can happen. Sarah, our passionate Owners and excited Board of Directors are the force that will take us to the next phase.

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 would like to see more engagement between the Board and the Owners of GreenTree. I think that GreenTree has trouble getting the active, enthusiastic shopper involved into going to the next level and committing to running for the Board of Directors. We are a community store. Any Owner can run for the Board! I believe that more Owners might be comfortable running if they had more info on the commitment that is involved?
We seem to have a fair amount of turnover every few years with our Board. I would love to find a way to keep our Board members for a longer time.

