

2024 Candidate Information

This year we have 3 candidates for the Co-op Board of Directors. *Photos coming soon!*

Conicia “CJ” Jackson (incumbent)

Lyme, NH

1. What interests you about serving on the Co-op’s Board of Directors?

I’m interested in building long lasting relationships with community members as well as lending my voice to issues that impact the community.

2. What are you going to contribute to the Co-op Board?

As a current board member who has served for three years, I plan to contribute a wealth of knowledge and experience.

3. As a board member, how will you represent the diverse viewpoints of the membership in determining the future of the Co-op?

As a woman and a person of color, I understand the unique challenges that marginalized groups endure. I consider it a personal mission to make sure that all voices are heard and that I use mine to speak up on behalf of women and BIPOC.

4. How do you see the Co-op Board Values being brought to life?

I see the Co-op Values being brought to life by engaging with member-owners and ensuring that their voices are represented when making key decisions.

Candidate Statement:

I am excited and eager to submit to serve as a board member. The Co-op is a place where community members can discover new foods/products and feel confident that they can select from a wide array of healthy options. It’s my goal as a board member to represent member owners in a way that ensures their voices are heard.

Alice Kennedy

Enfield, NH

1. What interests you about serving on the Co-op's Board of Directors?

I am looking forward to understanding the way a cooperative, member-owned, multi-site grocery store like the Co-op can listen to and learn from its membership to weave together a path forward that meets the needs of the diverse communities it serves. I'd also love to learn more about the landscape of cooperative grocery stores and where the Co-op sits in that landscape.

2. What are you going to contribute to the Co-op Board?

I have experience in co-design, coproduction, project management, working with large groups of diverse stakeholders to meet a common goal, and a strong interest in understanding and addressing social determinants of health shoulder to shoulder with those impacted most.

3. As a board member, how will you represent the diverse viewpoints of the membership in determining the future of the Co-op?

The most important thing I will do is listen. I have a love of finding common ground between diverse viewpoints, and blazing new paths forward that marry seemingly opposed perspectives into a new innovative path that may not have been discovered without initial conflict.

4. How do you see the Co-op Board Values being brought to life?

At the risk of suggesting activities that have already been undertaken, I see possibility for many of my research skills to be brought to bear on the methods we choose to find out from our members the most effective ways to bring values to life. Methods like experience based co-design, Delphi-like panels, listening sessions, finite rapid paced workgroups, and iterative process improvement are just a few of the methods I could think of to face Co-op challenges arm in arm with other owner-members. It is exciting work and I'd be grateful to be part of it!

At the end of the day it is the employees of the Co-op who will really bring the values to life as they sit 'where the rubber meets the road' so I will also defer to what is rational and reasonable in the context in which they are expert.

Candidate Statement:

My name is Alice Kennedy, and I'm relatively new to the Upper Valley. I hold a master's degree in public health and I moved to Enfield in 2018 to pursue a career in Health Services Research.

Prior to moving to Enfield, I have lived in broadly different communities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida, New York, Ireland, and Kentucky. I have worked as a certified Montessori teacher, a paralegal, a physical therapy aid, and research manager. A lifelong learner, there has seldom been a time that I have not been juggling school, work, and community service – it is my happy place. I am currently pursuing a PhD part time in health services research at Jonkoping University in Sweden. While I love the opportunity to work with our national and international

partners, playing an active role in the health of the community right outside my door is what feeds my soul. When I think about the importance of health in my personal and professional communities (and where they intersect), I look at all factors that drive the health of an individual or community: not just physical health but mental health, social health, emotional health and financial health. I will work to take all of these factors into consideration as I get to know the challenges facing the Co-op and the varied communities in which it lives.

I would love to challenge us as an organization to see how many social determinants of health we can have a positive impact on, through out-of-the-box thinking and finding new ways to look at old problems. I think that by making the commitment to being a member-owner of the Co-op, people are making an intentional choice and statement about the community in which they want to live, and I would be honored to be a part of helping bring that vision to life.

Infiniti D Sanderfer

West Lebanon, NH.

1. What interests you about serving on the Co-op's Board of Directors?

The Co-op does amazing things for the upper valley and I would like to be a part of it

2. What are you going to contribute to the Co-op Board?

Actively pursue ideas and solutions that can benefit the Upper Valley

3. As a board member, how will you represent the diverse viewpoints of the membership in determining the future of the Co-op?

Bringing my own perspective as someone has lived the majority of their life in poverty and currently a single mom and I can bring the perspective of a lot of folks living in similar situations in the upper valley.

4. How do you see the Co-op Board Values being brought to life?

The Co-op employees are happy and enjoy their jobs. The Co-op has several programs that help low income folks.

Candidate Statement:

My name is Infiniti Sanderfer and I have lived in the Upper Valley for almost 6 years. I am a mother to a wonderful 8 year old and have worked professionally in kitchens for 10+years. I have a passion for positive change, I really connect with the values of the Co-op, and I would

love to bring my perspective to the conversation about the Co-op's future and how we can make meaningful additions to the Upper Valley.