



Dvora Jonas

My name is Dvora Jonas. I've lived in Montpelier for 4 years. I've been a Co-op member since I moved here (4 years). I have a BS (physics) Syracuse University and an MA (biophysics) The Johns Hopkins University. Among other things, I've worked as a biologist at Mt. Sinai Medical School (birth control) and taught environmental studies at UC Berkely. I've always shopped at food co-ops and been active in Harvest Co-op (Cambridge MA).

I'm interested in serving on the council, to encourage transparency and improved communication among the various stakeholders—members, staff, local vendors and management.

I bring a willingness and capacity to deal with numbers. Having been part of the group trying to save Harvest Co-op from bankruptcy, I became aware of many of the things that can cause financial distress. Having been both manager and managed, I'm aware of some of the difficulties lack of communication causes.

I see these opportunities and challenges for the Co-op: Improving staff morale, learning and responding to the challenges of a changing climate. Becoming more aware of and expanding our membership and how they wish to be served. Staying solvent. Doing something so that the store is not so crowded.

I like co-ops. I believe that they are the way to give control over their food supply to the shoppers. I see them as a way to create good working conditions and reasonable pay for staff.

Candidate Education Checklist: Candidates received up to five apples for each council-related educational item completed.

