



Giles Brulé

My name is Giles Brulé. I live in Marshfield with my wife, daughter, two dogs, and three cats. I've been shopping at the Co-op since childhood. Over the past 25 years, I have been a Member-Owner and employee. I have held various roles within the Co-op, serving in both union and management positions. Some of you may recognize me from my time as a Grocery Buyer, Receiving Manager, Wellness employee, or Cashier. Today, I'm the Information Systems Manager.

I would like to serve on the council to support it in being a stable organization. A council that can be productive in getting the things done that it needs to do to be able to support the employees as they take on the challenges that lie ahead. I would like to serve on the council to help ensure the Co-op's stability and productivity. This will enable us to effectively meet the needs of our community and employees and position them for future challenges.

As a longtime Member-Owner and employee of the Co-op, I have witnessed firsthand its periods of success and challenges. This experience has equipped me with a unique perspective to contribute to the board. My familiarity with the Co-op's financial statements and history puts me in the position to hit the ground running and work effectively toward addressing our current challenges.

There are many challenges ahead for our co-op, such as rising costs of goods and services, market saturation, and the reality that many people are struggling more now than ever to put good food on the table. However, we are also in an excellent position to overcome these challenges. Our engaged and dedicated shopping base, primarily consisting of Member-Owners, understands the importance of supporting our community and participating in the democratic process that makes our co-op possible. They value local products and services and recognize not only the challenges we face but also our unique strengths, such as our exceptional customer service and unwavering commitment to our mission. Despite these challenges, I believe we are uniquely prepared to meet them head-on.

Our co-op is an integral part of my life and I care about and depend on it, like many others in our community. For me, it is my livelihood, my family's source for quality and healthy food, and the heart of our community. Central Vermont wouldn't be the same without the Co-op. If elected, I would dedicate myself to helping achieve our goals and overcome challenges.

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

