



Lauren Antler

Hello! I've been a Montpelier resident since 2013. With a background in arts administration, marketing, comedy, theater, TV production, entrepreneurship, nonprofits, and business I bring two decades of experience in a variety of organizational structures, creative thinking, and listening abilities to my work on the council. In addition to my current role on the Co-op Council, I also serve on two other local boards.

I am running for a second term on the council because there is still much work to be done. I care deeply about sustainability, supporting the local food economy, and creating a healthy workplace. The Co-op is a town square where people go to connect with each other and with the community. As such, the Co-op has a responsibility to reflect the needs and values of its members. At a time of great social issues and needs, I want to help the Co-op with the responsibility it has to connect people, remain accessible, and continue to be an economic hub for the area.

I have worn many hats in my career—comedian, TV and event producer, communications and marketing professional, arts administrator, business owner, parent, community member. I bring creative problem-solving, community engagement expertise, a sense of humor, a mind for practical business, a commitment to values and tangible experience in board operations.

The Co-op has the opportunity to support and encourage local food suppliers, growers and producers, bolstering and augmenting the local food supply which we saw was critically important during COVID. How does the Co-op open its doors to as many people as possible? How does it listen to its membership, to its staff, to its food producers and providers? How does it bring in a diverse customer base? How does it keep costs at a level that encourages all income levels to feel welcome? How does the Co-op keep true to the idea of a “cooperative”? How does it open its doors to all with the goal of being as accessible as possible?

As a business owner, comedian, parent and community member, I bring creative problem-solving, community engagement expertise, a sense of humor, a commitment to maintaining a local food supply, and tangible experience in board operations to the Co-op Council. With three years of council experience behind me, I also bring a knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing the Co-op.

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

