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Why would you like to serve on the ELFCO Board of Directors?

I believe that maintaining ELFCO open is important. Because of its community centered approach and focus. And, I would like to help with and contribute to the re-opening of our store.

What is your dream for East Lansing Food Cooperative?

I believe that it should help in connecting local farmers and community members. It should also provide members and community to have access to alternative nutritional alternatives: this could be local food sources, fresh produce, organic, among others.

How should the East Lansing Food Cooperative reimagine itself to serve our owners and the community?

To move forward we should think about things that can be offered to the community that are not easily accessible. And find a way to provide benefits to both sides of the economical system (suppliers and consumers) in particular local suppliers, while also maintaining its mission.

What do you think ELFCO's role in our community should be? Why cooperatives?

Cooperatives are important because they are not only guided by profits, they can also be guided by improving communities. Cooperatives can focus in improving opportunities for local farmers/producers, as well as improving opportunities to consumers.

Please offer any additional thoughts you would like ELFCO owners to know about your interest in ELFCO's future.

ELFCO is the type of business that make people feel good and proud of the community they live and belong to.