

# GreenStar Cooperative Market, Inc.

## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO GREENSTAR COUNCIL

The following information must be provided by every candidate, and the Declaration (at bottom of page 2) must be signed. (Please check here if you do NOT want your address \_\_\_\_, home phone \_\_\_\_ work phone \_\_\_\_ and/or email address \_\_\_\_ to be published with your candidate statement.)

**NAME OF CANDIDATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GREENSTAR MEMBER #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now and/or have you previously been a member of Council? **YES** \_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_  
If so, what were your years of service? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a paid employee of GreenStar? **YES** \_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_

If **YES**, what is your job title? \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: No more than 2 GreenStar employees may serve on Council at any one time. Management-level staff in the Area Supervisors Group - except for the Store Designer - are not eligible to serve.)*

Do you have any other relationship with GreenStar, any of its staff members, or a competing business (e.g., as a vendor, owner of another business, or spouse/partner of a GreenStar employee, vendor or competitor), or any other role, that could pose a conflict of interest for you as a GreenStar director?

**YES** \_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_

*NOTE: A limited conflict of interest, provided it is disclosed, does not make you ineligible to be a candidate; it will be published with your candidate statement.*

If **YES** please explain, briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION:

In order for your name to appear on the ballot for the upcoming election, this completed page, and the signed Declaration on the next page, must be received by GreenStar by 11:00 pm, on Thursday, March 1. Please submit form via email, if possible, to governance ( at ) greenstar ( dot ) coop (including an electronic copy of your signature). This form is available on the GreenStar website (www.greenstar.coop, click on "Council" or "Board of Directors"). Or, you may mail a hard copy ("ATT'N: Governance & Monitoring Committee") of the form to: GreenStar Co-op, 701 W. Buffalo Street, Ithaca, NY 14850 (must be received by March 1, so mail earlier!), or deliver it to the Customer Service Desk at the West End Store, 701 W. Buffalo Street, by 11:00 pm on March 1.

*After March 1, it's still possible to run as a write-in candidate, but only if you submit this form by March 31, 11 pm. Write-in candidates who don't declare by March 31 aren't eligible for election.*

**Thank you for your interest in serving the Co-op!**

**PLEASE SEE THE QUESTIONS AND DECLARATION ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

# OTHER QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO COUNCIL

In considering your candidacy for Council, many members will want information about your background and your perspective on relevant GreenStar issues and concerns. While you are not required to answer the following questions, you are strongly encouraged to do so. All responses submitted by March 1 will be published in the Member Mailing that is sent to all members before voting begins on April 1. All responses received by March 31 will be posted near the ballot boxes in both stores.

Please limit your responses to a total of 600 words (which is an average of 100 words per question). If the total length of your responses exceeds the cumulative limit of 600 words, one or more of your responses may be shortened or omitted.

Please answer questions either electronically or on another sheet of paper, and submit your answers together with your Declaration of Candidacy.

1. What skills, experience, education or training do you have that is relevant to serving on GreenStar's board of directors? (Are you currently or have you previously been on Council? If so, for how long?)
2. What life experiences or perspectives can you bring to Council that would help Council better represent the Membership?
3. What do you think are the most important issues for Council to be working on at this time?
4. One of Council's primary roles is listening to our members and keeping them informed as to important Co-op developments and upcoming discussions. What are your ideas or concerns about the involvement of the Membership in Co-op matters?
5. What would you like GreenStar's involvement with or connection to the larger community to be?
6. Is there anything else you want to say to the voters?

## DECLARATION

*(must be signed and submitted by all candidates)*

By my signature below (or by my affirmation that this completed form is submitted by me, via my email account), I hereby declare that I am a member in good standing of GreenStar Cooperative Market, Inc. (my member fees are paid up to date, etc), that I am over 18 years of age, and that I am a candidate for election to Council in the 2012 Council election. I am aware of the legal, fiscal, ethical and practical responsibilities of a member of GreenStar's Council (board of directors), including the substantial time commitment, and can (and will, if elected) respect and fulfill them.

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(Signature)

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(Date)