

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY, VALLEY CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2017

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Please answer the following questions as concisely and thoroughly as possible on a separate paper or via email, while keeping your answers to 400 words or less in total. Your answers will be published on the Co-op's website. Please e-mail completed applications and (optional) a photo of your face to: info@valleycoop.org.

Completed applications are due by 6 PM on Monday, April 24, 2017. The elections will take place on the week of May 22, 2017, via secure online election software (ElectionBuddy).

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors? **I believe in stepping up when a need exists.**
2. What experience and expertise would you bring to the Board? **I have been involved with Valley Co-op from its earliest days. I have worked on accounting systems for many businesses and understand accounting basics. But possess no special experience or expertise that would make me a better candidate than any other applicant.**
3. What skills you have that would directly contribute to achieving the overall vision of Valley Co-op? **I have been providing sales analysis for the coop for several years. These data will be very important to track as the coop moves forward.**
4. Describe an experience where you worked on a team. What did you offer the team? How did you compromise for the team's benefit? **I worked at NASA in the early days of the manned space program which involved people of all skills working toward a single goal. I have also managed as many as 30 people in an IT environment and have never claimed that someone works for me. Rather I always said someone worked with me.**
5. Describe any professional or volunteer experience you have had that would provide insight or skills on the Valley Co-op Board, including having served on a board or a governing committee. **Before the previous reorganization of the Coop I filled the position of Treasurer.**
6. Why do you believe members should choose you to represent them? Is there anything else you would like the members to know about you? **I am a believer in the concept of a cooperative and strongly believe in working in the community and volunteering.**

X I hereby affirm that I have carefully read the article *Cooperative Principles Updated* (<http://www.grocer.coop/articles/cooperative-principles-updated>), and that as a director of Valley Co-op I will uphold the seven principles.

I hereby affirm that all of the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and agree to have it released to Valley Co-op members as part of the election process.

Signature Chipp Lan

Date 2/14/17