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1. I am interested in serving on the Valley Coop Board because I share the vision of a full service cooperative grocery store owned by local people and stocked with fresh local produce that also operates as a community center for Hagerstown and the local region.

- 2, I have served on the board of a variety community organizations during my professional career including a start-up food cooperative in State College Pa, In that capacity I helped write \$102,000 in grants to assist in the start-up.
 3. I would like to focus on increasing the number of owner/members in our coop and help organize a capital campaign to raise the money we need to open a full service grocery store. As a professional community organizer I have worked on successful membership and capital campaigns in the past.
 4. In Kalamazoo Michigan I worked in a coalition of community organizations that operated as team to advance multiple initiatives. We all agreed to coordinate and compromise on fundraising for our campaigns and to support our different initiatives. The result was a county tax to support housing for homeless people, a countywide public bus system and sanctuary city status for immigrants.
 5. Before I became a community organizer I worked as a legal service program attorney and I will use my legal knowledge to help Valley Coop incorporate our new cooperative grocery store.
 6. I want the members of Valley Coop to know that I am looking for a community of people to work with in my retirement years that share my community values and share a positive vision of our future together.

I affirm that as a director of Valley Coop I will uphold the Seven Cooperative Principles.

I affirm that all of the information that I have provided is true.

Michael Evans

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