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A brief biography (150 words or less):

I am the Vice President of Operations at RSource Healthcare. I previously served on the Oshkosh Common Council and in the Wisconsin state legislature as state senator of district 18, including parts of Dodge, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties.



What would you bring/offer to the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board? (1-2 paragraphs)

I have 9 years of operational experience managing a technology enabled service business within the healthcare revenue cycle management industry. Prior to my current profession, I was the sole shareholder of a private legal practice with emphasis on business reorganization, receiverships, and consumer bankruptcy protection. I have also enjoyed working with Oshkosh area community members on various community boards and projects. I would like to offer my time and talents to board governance.

What is your dream for the Oshkosh Food Co-op? (1-2 paragraphs)

I would like to see food insecurity decrease in the Oshkosh area! Let's raise the rate of produce consumption in the Oshkosh community and get fresh, local, healthy food to community members. I believe we can grow strategic partnerships with community partners to strengthen local health and wellness.

Why do you think the Oshkosh Food Co-op is important to the greater Oshkosh Community? (1-2 paragraphs)

I believe the Oshkosh Food Co-op is important to the greater Oshkosh community as it is both physical and social infrastructure to improve wellness and sustainability within the community. It provides local markets for producers. It is an access point for local, organic and health food to the community. It has the opportunity to build programming to increase produce consumption and improve wellness which reduces the costs of chronic disease in our community.

Why cooperatives? (1-2 paragraphs)

It is an entity that is not beholden to shareholders for profit, but to members for the benefit of the community. One person can make a difference and cooperatives harness local people power in aggregate to build strong community driven programs with positive outcomes.

Please offer any additional thoughts you would like Oshkosh Food Co-op member-owners to know about you. (1-2 paragraphs)

I hope the Oshkosh Food Co-op can continue to grow its membership based on the quality of its impact within the community. I believe the purpose is greater than a "store."

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