

Hi, I'm Deborah Gibbs and I'm a consumer owner candidate for the Weaver Street Market board of directors. If you're exploring this information on the website, you're probably pretty committed to the Co-op.

I've been a member of Weaver Street since the first store opened. I love it. Its selection of healthy foods. I like interacting with friendly employees and I love the way that I almost always run into somebody I know while I'm shopping. I really like Seattle Apple Cake.

Weaver Street Market is also important to me because I believe that our everyday choices can change the world, and every time we shop at Weaver Street, we are working towards a world in which there's living wage employment, stronger local food production, and walkable downtown.

For example, just think about the way the market prioritizes worker health during the past year, and the way that it's currently taking steps to move towards racial justice. I want to join the board to support Weaver Street Market and changing the world.

My career was as a researcher studying violence against women and children. That work consisted of collecting information from all kinds of sources and pulling it together into findings that could inform policy and practice. I recently retired, and I'm looking forward to using those same skills to support organizations that I care about, and Weaver Street Market is one of them.

I particularly want to find a new ways to engage owners in conversations about where we're going and how we are doing. The board of directors exist to represent owners in conversations about the co-op's operations and future. It is not the boss of anything. As a research team member and as an active participant in the co-housing community where I live, I am very much comfortable with that servant-leader rule. I'm also very comfortable as a Quaker and a co-housing resident with consensus decision-making, where diverse perspectives are honored, and decisions have a goal of representing and moving towards shared goals.

If I get the chance to serve in the Weaver Street Doard of Directors, I promise you, I will work hard to continue its progress towards achieving that vision. I hope this information is helpful to you and your choice. Thanks for taking the time and thanks for your commitment to Weaver Street.