



VOTER'S GUIDE

2019 Elections

In our **fifth annual elections**, four board seats are up for election, and we have four candidates.

Board Candidate Statements

Henry Aribisala

Board Endorsed Candidate

Being a member-owned organization, Hillsboro Food Co-op has come a long way. When I joined as member owner during the summer 2016, I had no doubt that the organization and the purpose for which it was formed were of a noble cause. While the current active members have worked very hard over the last few years to get us to the level that we're now at, I think we are at the point where we should be more strategic and take another leap to the next level with respect to becoming operational and a profitable organization, that will not only benefit its members, but also benefit the Hillsboro community as a whole. To this end, I'm motivated to get more involved in the area of strategic planning, community outreach as well as serving on the board.



Kimberly Culbertson

Board Endorsed Candidate

Hillsboro and Washington county are changing and diversifying and I think our foodways need a grocery store that can accommodate that. I want to bring together people together over the most fundamental element of life, food.

Brandon Iwasaki

Current Board Member

I moved to Hillsboro a few years ago to an sustainable 18-acre farm focused on permaculture. It was one of my great life experiences. HFC will create a greater market for these types of responsible agricultural producers and help bolster our local economy. I have an entrepreneurial spirit that drives my passion for participating in a small startup business like the coop. Running for a Board position again in 2019 is an exciting prospect for me as we pass development milestones and close in on opening our grocery store.





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Adam Simantel

Current Board Member

We are lucky to be surrounded by phenomenal agriculture here in the Tualatin and Willamette valleys. The Co-op will emphasize those ties between local farmers and consumers. That's what got me engaged a few years ago and why I'm planning to continue working toward opening day.





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Who Can Vote

Only a Hillsboro Food Co-op **member-owner in good standing** may vote. Each member-owner shall have only one vote on each issue submitted to a vote of member-owners.

- ❖ Good standing is defined in the Co-op's Bylaws and is judged as of Saturday, **April 13, 2019**.
- ❖ Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- ❖ We cannot accept two ballots from one member-owner, although you may submit a subsequent ballot if you note on the envelope that it **supersedes** your previous ballot.

How To Vote

There are two ways in which to submit your ballot:

- 1) **Mail-in:** Member-owners are encouraged to vote via mail-in ballot if they are unable to vote in-person at the Annual Meeting.
 - ❖ For a mailed-in ballot to be valid it must be:
 - Signed by the member-owner.
 - Mailed in a sealed envelope to Hillsboro Food Co-op, P.O. Box 3953, Hillsboro, OR 97123
 - Postmarked on or before **Wednesday, April 10, 2019**. We will not accept postage-due ballots.
- 2) **At the Annual Meeting:** Even if you don't intend on staying for the breakfast or business meeting, you can stop by and drop off your ballot.
 - ❖ **Date:** Saturday, April 13, 2019
 - ❖ **Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 - ❖ **Location:** Hillsboro United Methodist Church, 168 Northeast 8th Avenue, Hillsboro
 - ❖ If you would like to attend the Annual Meeting but did not receive an invitation (via Eventbrite), please contact us as soon as possible at info@hillsborofood.coop or 971-215-2374.

Why Vote

One of the most exciting parts of being a member-owner of a cooperative like Hillsboro Food Co-op is that your participation matters. Co-operatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. This is your business!