

Ciera Milkewicz

Education:

Bachelor of Arts - Environmental Studies - San Francisco State University 2013 Relevant Coursework: Environmental Law & Policy, Sustainable Development in Cities, Race, Poverty, & the Environment, Land-Use Planning, Ecology, Biology, Geography of Garbage, Alternative Urban Futures, Campus Sustainability, Food Systems

Present Occupation:

Senior Program Consultant - Energy Trust of Oregon Residential Program - CLEAResult

Business Experience:

Program and project management, strategic planning, leading stakeholder discussions, working with cross-functional teams, community education, technological acumen, event production and planning, community development, subcontractor budget management, grant writing, curriculum development, data analysis and reporting. Older experience in retail, sales, inventory, and stocking.

Community Involvement:

Volunteer experience: Front Street Community Bike Works (volunteer service, outreach), Surfrider Foundation (volunteer service, outreach), Octoberfish Festival (event organizing, outreach, social media outreach, vendor and volunteer coordination, fundraising), Women in Business (attendee), Coos Head Co-op (volunteer service), South Coast Oregon Connects (virtual and in-person outreach, project management, social media, service directory coordination), South Coast Equity Coalition (attendee, sponsor)

Other Qualifications:

Leadership Coos - Class of 2017 and Steering Committee (2020, suspended due to COVID). I have attended many community board meetings, city council meetings, and other civic involvement opportunities.

Candidate's Statement:

When I moved here almost 10 years ago, I was drawn to the Co-op as a signal that I would find my people. The co-op's mission of health and sustainability has proven valuable to this community for over 50 years. I believe the key to future success of the Co-op is in strengthening partnerships, expanding co-op offerings like the deli, and continuing to be an exceptional place to shop, work, and learn. I will bring my experience in program management, strategic planning, fiscal responsibility, and community involvement to this position. Drawing on my experience in the clean energy field, I recognize that sustainability is fundamental to longevity, and I am eager to apply this knowledge as a board member dedicated to Co-op members.