

Drew Beiter

2023 Annual Election Candidate

1. What role do you think the EACM will play in East Aurora's future?

I believe that EACM should continue to be a hub of East Aurora's culture and commerce, as it has known for decades the dangers of mass-produced food, the importance of treating workers fairly, and the significance of locally-grown agriculture—all of which are crucial to the future of our region.

2. In what ways are you working to contribute to and improve the East Aurora community?

While I am not a resident of East Aurora, my hope is that as the Executive Director of a local non-profit called the Academy for Human Rights, I will be able to contribute to the well-being of our area by training both teachers and students to live informed and contributory lives.

www.academyforhumanrights.org

3. If you can find healthy, organic food at another grocery store, why choose East Aurora Co-op Market?

There are many reasons to shop at a coop that go beyond convenience and price. With the EACM, members get to decide what products are available, where those goods come from, and what quality they have. In short, EACM has this integrity, while privately-owned stores generally do not.

4. Which of the 10 cooperative values resonates with you most and why?

The most important Cooperative Value is Social Responsibility, which is the common thread that links its other nine counterparts. After all, how we get our food is perhaps the most socially responsible enterprise that humans can have, one that paves the way for a cleaner, healthier, more equitable community.