

# **Luke Wochensky (Incumbent)**

## **2023 Annual Election Candidate**

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

The EACM will continue to develop as a valuable resource and central point for our community, providing not only a source for high-quality foods, but also to serve as a model for an environmentally-friendly, ethically sourced, and sustainable organization that empowers East Aurora.

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

I am a Council member on the Aurora Town Board and the Climate Smart Community Coordinator for the Town of Aurora. I work with Ukrainian refugees and provide pro bono services to The ROC. I organized the No-Drive July pledge to not drive throughout the village in the month of July, and I organized a fundraiser that raised almost \$25,000 for World Central Kitchen.

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

When I shop at the EACM, I am actively engaging the betterment of my community. I feel like I am supporting local producers, better-paid employees, helping the environment, and investing back into East Aurora.

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

Concern for Community. The co-op is central to the sustainable development of East Aurora.