

1. Name: **Graciela Cabana**

2. Owner Number: 444515000993

3. Names of employers, titles, and dates of positions held during past five years:

- University of Tennessee, Associate Professor of Anthropology, 2015-present
- University of Tennessee, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, 2007-2015

4. Education (Degrees, Schools, Dates):

- B.A. University of California, Berkeley (1990)
- M.A./Ph.D. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2002)

5. Describe your involvement in community, cooperatives, or small, community-minded business:
Before coming to Knoxville in 2007, I lived in student cooperative housing continuously for 13 years, first in California, then in Michigan. I occasionally served in managerial positions over that time period.

I have also been serving on the Three Rivers Market (TRM) as a Board Director for the past three years.

6. Why do you want to serve on the board of directors?
Three Rivers Market (TRM) is an exemplary cooperative and is a model for other cooperatives and community-minded businesses. By serving on TRM's Board of Directors I am able to support TRM and other similar businesses and organizations, as well as their visions for the future.

7. What experience do you have with Three Rivers Market, and what role do you think it will play in Tennessee's future?
My experience with TRM is both as a shopper and as one of nine visionary leaders (a Board Director). TRM already plays a strong role in the motivational and financial support of other organizations based on the international cooperative values and principles, including democratic member control. For the future, I see TRM maintaining its current role in the local community, but also expanding into the greater Appalachian bioregion to supporting healthy and happy living through careful growth.

8. What experience, occupational skills, or perspectives will you bring to the board?
I have served on TRM's Board for a term (three years). I bring the perspective of an academic anthropologist, which means that I tend to evaluate most things from a broad humanistic lens.

9. Which of the 10 cooperative values resonates with you the most and why?
In the context of TRM, the 7th Principle of Concern for Community is what resonates most with me. I have witnessed the strength of TRM's governance model, in that I find it effective in getting the little things done as well as making room for visionary thinking. Because TRM is able to think outside of its day-to-day operational concerns, it is able to be a community-wide role model.