

TO THE COOP

April 26, 2020

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Nancy and I fled Park Slope to Vermont since I am less than a year from 80 years old. Our sons insisted that we leave. And we are so fortunate to have support in Brooklyn, our tenant who has kept track of our mail-texting us photos of what is important and sending us packages—and here in Vermont where neighbors have been shopping for us.

However, I would like to mention how we feel about the Brattleboro Food Coop. Yes, their prices are much higher than those at the Park Slope Food Coop. In fact, when we shop there in normal times, Nancy will not allow me to enter the Coop with her because of my constant complaints about their prices.

But during this period, they have been great, making us feel safe shopping there. We call in to make an order—no more than 12 items (however, we were allowed to order 15 items). We then drive 10 miles to the Coop, open our trunk and a worker comes out with our order in a cart and puts it into our trunk.

Perhaps the PSFC can work out something similar. Shoppers could come to the Coop with bags, boxes, carts or a car and our staff could come out with an order and transfer the order. For those who approve of this, the wait would be much shorter. And I think all would feel safer.

Lew Friedman

IDEA

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Can we have a loosening of designated non-member shoppers for senior citizens? We are more afraid of contact, some of us have disabilities that allow us to shop normally but we cannot stand on lines for a long time, we are very vulnerable, many have underlying conditions.

Please get this info to the powers that be!

*Thank you,
Emily Cohen*

SENIORS

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have many elderly friends, and am myself over 65 years old. During this crisis would it be too complicated to either allow us to shop by going ahead of the long line to get in, or possibly by setting special hours when we could come and thereby avoid the younger, hardier population altogether?

Thank you very much for keeping the store stocked, and for your consideration.

*Sincerely yours,
Laurie Callahan*

CONTROLLING ENTRY TO THE COOP - A WAY THAT IS FAIR AND LEGAL

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We should not be lining people up on the sidewalk, even if they are 6 feet apart. It is a public health hazard and unfair for members who cannot stand for extended periods of time.

Two recommendations:

- 1) Have members call in (or go online) and select a shopping time. Each household can shop at the Coop once every two weeks. Members have an hour to shop and must arrive within ten minutes of their scheduled time.
- 2) Members who want to show up “a large” can sign in with their phone number and get a text when there is room in the Coop. They have ten minutes to get to the door to enter; they also have an hour to shop. Shopping “at large” does not count against a household’s once-every-two-week rule.

That’s it. My daughter said it’s good idea; maybe you’ll even use it?

Robert Berkman