DISCUSSION ITEM AT JULY GENERAL MEETING TO INCREASE COOP MARK-UP FROM 21 TO 25%

July 18, 2020

In March, the Park Slope Food Coop took the unprecedented measure of suspending member labor in response to COVID-19. We hired members to work as temporary staff, narrowed our hours of operation, constrained the number of shoppers allowed in the store, and implemented other safety measures. As a result, we have been able to mitigate risks to both staff and shopping members.

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FASTER COOP VOTES

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I’m gonna keep shopping at the Coop because the groceries are great but our collective core is taking a bad hit if the June GM is any indication. The agenda item to make a public statement of support for the movement for Black Lives should have been voted on, and not stalled via process designating it a discussion-only topic. This is not a new problem.

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PLAN TO SAVE THE COOP

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Coordinators and some members have now suggested that member labor could indeed safely resume, something which would benefit the bottom line of the Coop. This

is significant because the Coop is still losing money every week the pandemic, which shows no sign of abating, continues.

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AFTER THE GENERAL MEETING: BLM FOLLOW-UP WITH TOISHA TUCKER

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Interviewed after the GM, member Toisha Tucker expressed disbelief that the Coop had not spoken up, even after earlier killings of Black New Yorkers like Eric Garner (and many others). Tucker linked food justice, climate justice and racial justice as intertwined and called on the Coop to engage in “reckoning with racism and white supremacy in America.”

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