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Your Local Farmers Market Society dba Vancouver Farmers Markets

2021 Board of Directors Call for Nominations

Your Local Farmers Market Society dba Vancouver Farmers Markets (VFM) is a small and dynamic community-based non-profit social enterprise with a vision to be a leading force towards a world of healthy farms and people. Currently operating a network of 8 weekly neighbourhood farmers markets throughout Vancouver, VFM's mission is to transform our global food system by creating and nurturing a local, sustainable and vibrant marketplace for our community, environment and economy.

Part of our work is to increase access to food for diverse populations and marginalized groups. VFM is in deep consideration of how our operations can be more inclusive, anti-racist, and equitable. We invite BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and those who have experience building inclusive systems to apply.

This year, the Board of Directors has four vacancies to fill. Board terms are three years long. The commitment required of VFM Board members is about 10 hours/month.

VFM's nominating committee is seeking candidates with the following:

Skills and Experience:

1. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
2. Producer / Entrepreneur
3. Law / Legal Issues
4. Municipal Advocacy
5. Strategic Communications
6. Sponsorship / Marketing
7. Human Resources / Training

Characteristics:

- Commitment to advancing the VFM mission, vision and strategic plan
- Collaborative personality
- Familiarity with non-profit governance or able to quickly learn
- Familiarity with farmers markets in Vancouver's diverse neighbourhoods
- An understanding of our regional food system

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Expectations:

- Attendance and informed participation at six board meetings per year
- Active participation on at least one Board committee or Strategic Plan workgroup
- Optional off-site meetings and VFM Board representation where appropriate
- Participation in fundraising/membership promotion/sponsor acquisition
- Attendance at the society's Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings

Interested candidates must be members of VFM for at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Candidates must to contact VFM's Nominating Committee via email at nominees@eatlocal.org no later than the close of nominations on May 28, 2021 with a 200 word bio and statement outlining their pertinent expertise and interest in joining the VFM Board of Directors. Individuals who have lived experience as vendors, market neighbours, shoppers, volunteers, coupon participants or other stakeholders are strongly encouraged to identify this experience in their submission. Please include "YLFMS 2021 Board Candidate Nomination" in the subject line.

Further details on VFM's board nomination and voting process may be found in the Society's Bylaws posted on the VFM website at: <http://eatlocal.org/about-us/>

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