

10 Reasons CO-OPS

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1 Cooperatives are **DEMOCRATIC** businesses & organizations **EQUALLY OWNED & CONTROLLED** by a group of people. There are **worker co-ops**, **consumer co-ops**, **producer co-ops**, **financial co-ops**, **housing co-ops** and more. In a cooperative, **ONE** member has **ONE** vote.

6 Cooperatives are **more resilient & IN ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS & IN IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES.** When other business may shut down or lay off workers, **co-op members pull together TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS.**

7 Cooperatives are an **INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT.** There are **thousands upon thousands** of cooperatives around the world that are making **major differences GLOBALLY & LOCALLY.**

2 Because cooperatives are democratically owned by community members, co-ops keep **MONEY & JOBS in their communities.**

8 Cooperatives strive to make people's **LIVES, COMMUNITIES, AND ECONOMIES** more **JUST, EQUITABLE, & DEMOCRATIC.**

3 Cooperatives aren't a far off theory. Cooperatives offer **achievable** and **practical** solutions to many **ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, & SOCIAL PROBLEMS** that can be implemented **RIGHT NOW.**

9 There's no **one right way** to do a co-op. They can be flexible to fit **DIFFERENT COMMUNITY & INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.**

4 **COOPERATIVES AREN'T CHARITY;** they're an **empowering** means for self-help **& solidarity.**

There are **big** co-ops with thousands of members, and there are **small** co-ops with only three members.

5 Members **equally share THE BURDEN IN HARD TIMES & THE BENEFITS IN GOOD TIMES.**

10 Cooperatives are **VIABLE & JUST ALTERNATIVES** for meeting our social and economic needs in contrast to **CORPORATIONS THAT EXPLOIT** the people and the planet.

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