

## **FOOD FOREST COLLECTIVE**

### **Board Member Commitment Form**

#### **Board duties**

I will:

- Attend all Board meetings by phone or in person insofar as possible, with no more than two absences annually.
- Review the agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings.
- Serve on at least one committee and take on special assignments as needed.
- Attend at least two on-site gatherings or work parties annually.
- Personally contribute time and energy to FFC, and participate in fundraising.
- Uphold and promote FFC mission, services, and policies, as agreed annually by the Board.
- Uphold and promote the core principles of Dynamic Governance and the practice of Non-Violent Communication.
- Provide support and advice to the staff.
- Suggest nominees and participate in board recruitment.
- Support the organization by representing the organization in the community and with funders.

#### **Board member code of conduct**

As a board member I understand that I have duties of care, loyalty, and obedience to the organization.

- The duty of care is the duty to pay attention to the organization—to monitor its activities, see that its mission is being accomplished, and guard its financial resources.
- The duty of loyalty is the duty to avoid conflicts of interest.
- The duty of obedience is to carry out the purposes of the organization and to comply with the law.

As a board member I agree to:

- Act with honesty and integrity
- Support in a positive manner all actions taken by the board of directors to which I consent, even when the action is not my first preference. I recognize that decisions of the board seek to meaningfully incorporate any paramount objections made by active board members, which may result in actions which I consent to but may not prefer. I will

respect my fellow board members' support for the decisions of the board in light of this dynamic.

- Participate in (1) the annual strategic planning retreat, (2) board self-evaluation programs, and/or (3) board development workshops, seminars, and other educational events that enhance my skills as a board member.
- Keep confidential information confidential.
- Exercise my authority as a board member only when acting in a meeting with the full board or when appointed by the board.
- Work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve this board, and leave my personal prejudices out of all board discussions.
- Always act for the good of the organization and represent the interests of all people served by the organization.
- Represent this organization in a positive and supportive manner at all times.
- Display courteous conduct in all board and committee meetings.
- Accept my responsibility for providing oversight of the financial condition of the organization.
- Avoid acting in a way that represents a conflict of interest between my position as a board member and my personal or professional life, even if those actions appear to provide a benefit for the organization. This includes using my position for the advantage of my friends and business associates. If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the board and refrain from voting on matters in which I have conflict.
- Abide by these board operating procedures.

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Printed name**