

**TEMPORARY ENDS
POLICY A1**

VISION STATEMENT

Recognizing that our survival ultimately depends upon healthy ecosystems, we envision a world in which human activities are harmonious with and facilitate the functioning of natural systems.

We envision a world in which policies and actions are driven by concern for the environment and the health and well-being of all living things.

We envision the Co-op as part of a universal economy based on cooperative principles, operating through a network of cooperatively owned enterprises that will facilitate equal access to resources by all people.

This policy will be reviewed annually in October.

Adopted 05/05/2000
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VALUES STATEMENT

The Silver City Food Co-op Board of Directors holds values that guide the way in which the Co-op does business. Accordingly, we believe that:

1. A cooperative is an ideal way in which to distribute goods and services in a community.
2. A cooperative facilitates the desire among community members to work together for their common good.
3. A cooperative in communication with its members can best serve the needs of those members and the larger community.
4. All individuals are equally important and should be treated with honesty, fairness, dignity, and respect.
5. A healthy environment, inclusive of sustainable agricultural practices, is essential to our survival and well-being.
6. Good nutrition, best derived from organically-grown foods, is essential to the health of the individual and community.
7. It is in the interest of the community, socially, economically, and environmentally, to support the local economy.
8. Our policies and decisions reflect our commitment to the cooperative principles adopted by the International Cooperative Alliance Congress in Manchester, England, on September 23, 1995 (see attachment).

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