



# LETTER TO MEMBERS

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### **To the SLO Food Co-op Community,**

As we enter this new quarter, we're bursting with excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead. One of our main goals is to find a new home for our Co-op, a space that not only accommodates our growing owner-member base but also allows us to expand our offerings and services for you. Picture it: a beautifully laid out store, brimming with quality products, offering events and even classes. We're committed to creating a space that serves as more than just a grocery store but a vibrant community center that radiates with genuine friendliness – it's something we're committed to maintaining as we grow!

Speaking of exciting changes, we're thrilled about the upcoming center store refresh! Get ready for a fresh new layout, with new equipment to showcase a greater selection of amazing products for you to enjoy. Plus, we're stocking up on even more goods, including the highly requested addition of fresh meat! Are there items at other stores that you wish you could buy at the Co-op? We'd be delighted to order them for you through our Buying Club and save you some money in the process!

We are excited to announce the return of our Community Events! We have scheduled a members' tour of the Kiler Ridge Olive Orchard followed by an olive oil tasting for May 18th. Look for details in upcoming emails! We're eager to hear your input on which local organizations you'd like to see featured in the future, so don't hesitate to share your suggestions with us.

We need your help to shape the future of our Co-op. Whether it's brainstorming new features for our future home, scouting out potential locations in SLO (with plenty of parking!), or simply spreading the word about our vivid vision, your involvement is invaluable. If you love the store and are looking for ways to get involved, we encourage you to consider applying to join the SLO Food Co-op Board of Directors! (No previous board experience required.)

So let's come together and continue building something truly special. Your passion and support drive us forward every day, and we're grateful to have you by our side on this journey.

**With gratitude,**

*Your SLO Food Co-op Board of Directors*