



**My name is Michelle Maldonado and I am running for the position of Director At-Large on the CHF Canada Board of Directors.**

My history in co-op housing began 26 years ago when I was born to the co-op I still call home today - Swansea Village Co-op in Toronto. I am extremely proud to be part of our incredible co-op movement and have a profound respect & love for the good that co-ops (of all kinds) do for communities.

**As a CHF Canada Director, I would commit to:**

- Come up with new and effective ways of meeting our members' needs.
- Press the government for continued subsidy funding past the end of our member co-ops' operating agreements, and funding to create new (and improve existing) housing co-ops.
- Put forth creative ways of helping our member co-ops excel in Good Governance, Sound Management, Financial Security, Diversity, Environmental Sustainability, Aging In Place, and Renewed Leadership. (Thus helping them prepare for a possible future of non-government funding, and also securing our co-op movement's success in the process.)
- Increase networking between housing co-ops across Canada, and between the housing co-op sector and other types of local & international co-ops (food co-ops, artisan co-ops, etc).
- Consistently bring my passion, commitment, and enthusiasm to the CHFC Board, and continue to learn all I can about our co-op movement and my fellow members.

**List of experience:**

- Swansea Village Co-op's Member Selection Committee, 2020 Committee, and was their delegate to the CHFC AGM in 2007, 2008, 2009.
- Founder & Chair of Swansea Village Co-op's Green Committee.
- Presented the launch of the new 2020 Vision website and promotional video at the 2010 AGM.
- Served on Swansea Village Co-op's Board of Directors twice, both times as Vice-President.  
*(I have a strong commitment to representing the members who have put their trust in me, and ensuring sound management and good governance throughout the co-op)*
- Currently Vice-President on the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto's Board of Directors.  
*(I recently put forth a proposal for a 2 part Green Award aimed at motivating co-ops to "go green". The award was approved and will be presented to Toronto members this year. The award criterion serves as a suggestion list of green projects and winners will serve as role models for other co-ops)*
- Representing Youth and Renewed Leadership in co-ops at the 2011 AGM.
- Educated, experienced in, and passionate about:
  - Environmental Sustainability, Diversity, Aging in Place, Good Governance, Sound Management, Chairing/Directing effective meetings, Project Planning, Financial Stewardship, Youth Engagement and Renewed Leadership, 2020, and the Future of Affordable Housing.