

Upwood Park/Salvador Del Mundo Co-operative Homes Inc.

What is a Co-op? Living together Co-operatively

A Co-op is designed to offer people of all ethnicities control over their homes. A Co-op is owned and managed on a non profit basis by people who live there. Whether large or small, urban or rural it works democratically with its residents voting on all important decisions. A Co-op is made up of people from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures; its doors are open to everyone. Co-op members take pride in keeping everything shipshape. People take time to watch out for each other.

A Co-op must have a Board of Directors operating and making good decisions on behalf of the members. Members are strongly encouraged to volunteer some of their time within their community, by playing an active role in the various committees which are formed by the Board of Directors. In order to bring our

community together; it is important for members to understand

Co-op living.

Understanding and interest in co-operative living

3) *Can you tell us why you are interested in living in a Co-op?*

4) *How long have you been at your present address?* _____

5) *What do you like or do not like about your present address?*

6) *What do you see as your role in helping to create this community?*

Participation

All Co-op members are expected to volunteer. Please specify the area of interest for each applicant. (Refer to application)

- *Board of Directors*
- *Member Selection Committee*
- *Newsletter Committee*
- *On-call Committee*
- *Safety and Security Committee*
- *Social Committee*

7) *You have expressed an interest in joining theCommittee. Outline some things you would do to make this Committee successful.*

8) *Participation is key to co-op living What would you do to ensure that you will keep your commitment.*

Positive attitude to living in a mixed community

9) Upwood/Salvador is a very diverse community; people of all colors and races, of varied incomes, abilities, beliefs and background.. What has been your experience living in a diverse community.

10) What do you think are some of the positive and negative aspects about living at a Co-op?

11) It is very important to the Co-op that everyone pay their housing charge in full and on time. If your housing charge is not paid on time what do you think would happen?

12) How would you explain to a friend how Co-op living differs from living in another environment (e.g. rental, condo, home ownership)?
