

Thank you for such a thoughtful process to fill the vacant seats on the KBOO Board!

My name is Matthew Bristow.

My activist experience is a way of life. It is also employment. It is even a hobby. I'm currently employed at Bark--the watchdog for Mt. Hood National Forest. This group, as you probably know, is very well-respected and has a citizen empowerment focus with regard to public lands decisions. I have worked there for over ten years. Additionally, as a side-hobby, I have assisted various non-profits with getting things up and running. I have worked on many electoral campaigns throughout the years, specifically ballot measures; such as Measure 91 (marijuana legalization), and many get out the vote endeavors--such as with/for labor unions. I am just touching on some things that come to mind right away.

My board experience is very relevant in that I was recently on the KBOO Board of Directors! During a two-year period I was vice-president, secretary, and member-at-large. For coalition work, I'm currently one of the lead organizers with the Keep Nestle Out of the Gorge Coalition. I assist with other coalition building in my employment at Bark.

I want to be on the KBOO board specifically because I had a nice little break after one of the most interesting/tumultuous times in KBOO's existence. I think I did a very good job. I'd like to return and ensure/enjoy the continued success during this renaissance.

I look forward to speaking with you at the March 23rd KBOO Board meeting.

Thanks,

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