



Ramone Alexander currently works as an administrator and teacher at Nichols School in Buffalo, NY. As the Director of Inclusivity and Community Building he works with the greater Nichols community; students, faculty, parents and other stakeholders to promote a more culturally responsive school. Thinking strategically to raise the collective consciousness of the school community, Ramone has facilitated student and parent programming, and teacher and Board professional developments in order to cultivate inclusive excellence. He is a trained Community Health Worker, father of an amazing 19-year-old daughter currently in her third year at Spelman College (Atlanta, GA), and an earnest practitioner of contemplative practices. His work with PUSH stems from shared values of equity and justice for all and a treasured friendship with high school classmate and PUSH founder, Aaron Bartley.

Re-Elect Ramone Alexander: yes no



Victoria "Tori" Kuper

Tori has dedicated her life to committed to building systems for democratic ownership and community wealth. She co-founded Cooperation Buffalo and BreadHive Worker Cooperative and is the Events Manager at New Economy Coalition. She has sat on the Board of the US Federation of Worker Cooperatives, North American Students of Cooperation, Transform Finance's Capital and Equitable Communities Advisory Board, and has been nominated to the NYS Advisory Panel for Employee Owned Enterprises for her work on co-op policy. She holds a Master's Degree from NYU, a Certificate in Participatory Management from Rutgers University and was a Fellow with the Democracy at Work Institute's Cooperative Developer Program. When she's not supporting co-ops, Tori enjoys raising her son Jonah in community on Buffalo's West Side and radically envisioning what our future could look like.

Elect Tori Kuper: yes no



Asim Johnson is a Healthcare Advocate for the Healthcare Education Project. As an advocate for social justice, Asim has worked to build education and awareness in underserved communities to address the needs of the people. Born in Panama City, FL to parents who are both activist for social change. Asim knew at a young age that this was his calling. After graduating from High School in Georgia, Asim studied Political Science at the University of Northern Colorado and shortly after worked as a political organizer for the re-election of President Obama in 2012. After his re-election, Asim worked on local campaigns throughout central Florida, before moving to Buffalo in 2014. Since being in WNY, Asim has worked as an Education Organizer to increase attendance and reduce suspension rates, Lead Economic Organizer, and worked in coalition to establish Buffalo's first Community led Land-Trust and now Healthcare Advocate. A Father of five. Three are Buffalo Public School students, finds the most fun in spending time with his family.

Elect Asim Johnson yes no



John Buckley: I love working with PUSH and have been serving on the board since 2009. I am a lifelong resident of WNY and started as an activist in the late 60's protesting the Viet Nam War while I earned my BA and Teaching Certification for teaching Science in NYS. Later I fought alongside other residents to save the trees in Zoar Valley from loggers, fought to ban fracking in NYS, worked with the PUSH community to hold National Fuel Accountable, worked as director of a local MOVEON.ORG group to help end the Iraq War, and campaigned for many local candidates, including Jen Mecozzi for school board. These are among the battles the people won. I am very involved along with my son Nate with Nekanehsakt, activists working with Native people to protect the Earth and water and promoting understanding of Native issues. I am a teacher of Co-Counseling and a member of United To End Racism. I am currently serving on the Board Development Committee and I am excited to continue the vital work we do at PUSH. We are an inclusive community, working in an organized and strategic way to bring power back to everyone in our communities and to realize goals of freedom and equality for all. It's such a great privilege to work with such an amazing community.

Re-elect John Buckley yes no



Carl Nightingale has been a PUSH member since 2006 and has served on the Board since 2013. He brings decades of experience with community organizations to the Board as well as a long career teaching urban studies at UB and elsewhere. Over the years, Carl ran a film series on direct action with PUSH members, wrote the Green Development Zone website, and served on the Development Committee. As Secretary of the Board and an active member of the Board Development Committee, he has taken leadership in developing many Board policies. He served on the transition committee that hired Rahwa Ghirmatzion as Executive Director, and worked on the recent PUSH bylaws revisions. He is a big supporter of the Street Academy, the Youth Action Team, and the PUSH Street Team. He looks forward to working with PUSH staff and the Our City Coalition to increase PUSH's power in the city and across Western New York.

Re-elect Carl Nightingale yes no



Da'Von McCune

Born, raised and educated in Buffalo, Da'Von L. McCune holds a Masters in Urban Planning and a BS in Accounting. Currently holds a seat on the PUSH's Board Development Committee and is just finishing his first 2-year term. Da'Von is passionate about giving back to his community as is shown through his commitment to his work with youth, as the Youth Program Manager at Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT). Da'Von also founded D Real McCoy Entertainment a small business that mixes entertainment and community building.

Da'Von is a product of various after school programs in the city of Buffalo, including, Upward Bound and Beam and has since given back to numerous after school programs as a staff member. Prior to his position at BCAT, he worked at the 21st Century Learning Community Center at McKinley High School as well as the Science Technology Enrichment Program (STEP) at UB which provided opportunities to help youth succeed academically. Da'Von also became a GED instructor for BPS Adult Education, teaching at-risk youth and adults. He continues to create a culture of academic achievement using self-responsibility and music as a foundation.

Re-Elect Da'Von McCune yes no