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I am standing to represent the grassroots of our party. I want to ensure that CLPs have the right representation at the highest levels of our Labour Party.

I was born into a working-class family in Newham, East London. My mother was an NHS nurse and my stepfather worked at Fords of Dagenham. Their support ensured I was the first in my family to go to university (Leeds University). I joined the Labour party in 1994; since then I have been a CLP Chair, held most Branch officer positions, and even worked for the national Labour party as an Elections and Campaigns Officer.

I am currently Newham's Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, which includes Audit and Governance, and a Governor of two outstanding schools in the capacity of Chair and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Members need an elected NEC ready to support Keir Starmer's leadership. It needs to be focused on improving internal governance processes, especially the complaints system, which needs to be fair, robust and independent in regard to all forms of discrimination. Better governance puts us in a better shape to win elections and become the next Government.

The Black Lives Matter movement has started a conversation in every part of our society, including within our Party. We now need action to ensure our party fully represents the country we want to govern. It is vital that ethnic minority, and other diverse voices are heard at every level of the Labour Party.

Elect me onto the NEC and I will be a strong voice for the membership:

- **Working to improve our governance processes e.g. our complaints system**
- **Communicating with members and CLPs regularly**
- **Call for a review of our digital campaigning; we must be better than the Tories!**
- **Champion diversity, use the talents of our thriving membership, and support programmes to tackle our under representation**

Labour to Win (LTW) is recommending nine CLP reps for the NEC elections. The team is politically, geographically and demographically diverse and it goes far beyond supporters of LTW's founding partners, Progress and Labour First, to include people with a background firmly on the left of the Labour Party.

I am part of the LTW team alongside well-known grassroots activists and dedicated campaigners - **Luke Akehurst, Johanna Baxter, Michael Payne, Gurinder Singh Josan** and **Shama Tatler**. To ensure a political, gender and regional balance, LTW is only standing six candidates, and urging supporters to vote for other candidates from the left of the Party - **Ann Black, Theresa Griffin** and **Paula Sherriff**.

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