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When we win, people's lives are happier and healthier. **That is why, if I am elected to the REC, I will always focus on what we gain when Labour is in power.** I'm a social worker who lives and works in Catford, so every day I see how a decade of Tory rule makes the challenges faced by vulnerable people harder, in all ways imaginable. We cannot lose again – which is why **we need a democratic, accountable and transparent party that represents not only its members, but the people we hope to serve.**

I've never been very good at sitting back and talking about my socialist values; instead, I try to live them out in my actions wherever possible. In 2018, I moved to Greece for a year to establish and deliver an education programme in a refugee camp. I volunteer with a political education initiative as part of the programming working group that helps people to expand their knowledge of socialism. **I organised my local mutual aid group during the pandemic and was part of the effort to coordinate the Lewisham wide response.** At work, I channel my socialist principles of equality, anti-racism and class consciousness into the support I provide families in my community.

In much the same way, it's not been enough to just be a member of the Labour party. I was vice-chair at branch level of Bermondsey and Old Southwark CLP, working to recruit members and campaigning during elections. Since moving to Lewisham East, I've become a branch delegate to the CLP, a delegate to women's conference and canvassed with other activists to secure Labour wins.

My role as a social worker means I take a commitment to justice and fairness seriously, and this is something I want to bring to the REC. **I will be an advocate for members by taking a stand against undue process and misuse of power. I will approach Appeal Panels with the fairness required, so that Labour can be a party we all have faith in. And I will speak up for candidates who are unjustifiably blocked by party factions.** This is all so important; people will not trust us if we cannot trust each other.

London Labour is the future of this city we are lucky to call our home. I would be honoured to be part of securing that future for us all.

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