

SABIA KAMALI for Division 5

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I want to become your representative on the London Regional Board to help fix the relationship between the Labour Party Regional Executive Committee (REC), the members and the electorate. We need to further democratise the Labour Party into a popular, mass movement and a members-led party. One of the reasons why the Labour Party continues to lose support is because it takes certain sections of the community for granted, in particular from my personal experience BAME women, who face prejudice on a daily basis, austerity and structural poverty. This was evident in the recent London Assembly elections where many BAME and working class Labour voters stayed at home.

I would like to serve on the Regional Executive Committee to represent the views and values of many ordinary working class members of the Labour Party. I was born in Leeds, but raised in inner city London and I am still living in a working class family in social housing.

I would like to bring a grassroots perspective to the REC from my experience of the anti-war movement, End Child Poverty, and equalities campaigns such as anti-Islamophobia/anti-racism work - in particular with the Newham Monitoring Project. **I can offer 17 years community experience as a campaigner** for Stand up to Racism, a volunteer at Muslim Engagement and Development, and Keep Our NHS Public. I was also a member of the Steering Committee of the Friends of Queens Market to save the market from private developers.

I am the founding CEO of the Sister's Forum, an East London wide BAME women's collective, working with local stakeholders, like trade unions to empower women in civic society, focusing on issues like Covid support and domestic violence. (link to article on DV during COVID-19 <https://bit.ly/2TqgRRR>) (article in local paper <https://bit.ly/35domyo>).

On a local civic level I have been a proactive member for the Independent Schools Panel on school Exclusions in Newham, which has given me a lot of experience of casework. I am also a governor of Little Ilford Secondary School.

Before recently moving to East Ham, I was a member of West Ham CLP GC, where I was a staunch defender of the policies of the 2017 and 2019 General Elections, and worked for the selection of two local left-wing MP candidates who were

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successfully elected. I am also a member of the Cooperative Party, GMB, Momentum and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

As a newly appointed REC member, I will be a link between ordinary members and the REC to pursue the democratisation of the Labour Party by advocating structural changes in the way the party operates - to make it more dynamic, democratic and representative, while championing ordinary working class members.

For democracy and accountability, please support me by nominating me in your CLP.

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