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I am seeking your support for a nomination and electing me to be your representative in the London Conference Arrangement Committee (CAC) for the forthcoming regional executive elections 2021.

I believe that London CAC needs a Rep who can represent members voice effectively on the CAC and ensure that the aims and objectives of the London conference are communicated with the respective Labour members and delegates. **I will ensure that access to the conference is made easy and represented by the wider diverse labour membership, the voices of people with special needs, disabilities and minorities are heard effectively.** The process is easy to understand, and a reasonable time frame with easy joining instructions are shared with CLPs.

I am a key worker, working as a TA in a primary school. I joined the Labour party in 2013. I currently work as CLP Women's Officer and Vice-Chair of East Ham Central ward (BLP) for nearly six years. I am a GC Delegate and CLP Executive Committee member. I had been shortlisted as a labour councillor candidate twice in the last two by-elections. I am a trade unionist, member of the National Education Union and the Unite Community. I am also a Momentum, CLPD Co- Operative party member and Labour CND. Being a BAME member, I believe that there is still a great need to get more women involved in mainstream national politics, especially from working-class families and BAME backgrounds.

I believe that the most influential role in the party should be played by us, the ordinary members, but there are always uncountable hurdles to deal with. There is a great need to advocate equality, justice and fairness for all, including party members. The party rules are made to give a fair chance to everyone, so they should be applied fairly and equally.

I feel that there is more than ever a solid need to represent our women and fellow CLPs, fairly, justly, and equally in the CAC. **My priorities while representing CAC will include easy access, timely planning and ensuring the opportunities for members from diverse backgrounds are ensured.** I believe that I have the courage, capacity, and capabilities to carry forward our mission in a just, fair and timely manner.

Finally, thank you all for taking your precious time to read through my nomination statement. I'm looking forward to your nominations and support to elect me to represent your ideas and thoughts to run a members-led, smooth London conference in the future.

Please also support KATHRYN JOHNSON and CONOR BOLLIN to stand for the other two CAC positions.