



JIM KELLY

FOR REGIONAL BOARD CHAIR

DRIVING CHANGE IN LONDON

Following the election of Jeremy Corbyn, we have seen a movement grow which demands change. The London Labour Board needs to reflect this, becoming a campaigning forum with member-driven policies feeding into the Party and London Assembly.

FOR THE LONDON LABOUR BOARD TO EFFECT SUCH CHANGE, IT NEEDS TO:

- Be proactive in developing a London wide narrative based on Labour values
- Be more transparent and accountable with written reports to London CLPs after each meeting
- Support joint trade union campaigns, and have a presence at London TULO meetings.
- Lead the Labour movement and Trade Union campaign against the rise of the Far Right.
- Provide training and support to new CLP officers
- Fight campaigns on tackling the housing crisis and defeating racism and fascism

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WHY VOTE FOR ME?

I have held the position of Chair for Unite's London & Eastern Region since our Union was formed in 2008 and before that held the same position in the TGWU. I am currently Vice President of the London, Eastern & South East TUC.

I have a wealth of experience in chairing large meetings, senior Committees and Conferences, ensuring fair debate and being part of a team that implements agreed policy.

At last year's conference I proposed motions on Grenfell and organised a fringe meeting on council housing. I have also recently convened a meeting to establish a labour movement coalition in London, to combat the rise of the far-right, believing that while we need to continue to work with broad anti-fascist organisations, our Party and our unions need to take the lead in taking on the dangerous narrative of populist racism and Islamophobia.

I want to see London Labour follow through on the promises we make to take action.

I am active within my local CLP as a Unite GC branch delegate and have recently sat on the LCF and the selection committee to choose our new Parliamentary Candidate.

I have a sound understanding of our Party's structures and procedures. As Regional Chair and London Taxi Branch Secretary, I regularly lead meetings at local level and represent the Region at national level. I am a regular speaker at TUC and Labour Party Conferences and have chaired various fringe meetings.

I have represented my Union in negotiations with London Mayors, Government Ministers, Councillors, and TfL Commissioners and Directors on transport issues but also on broader issues of cuts to public services and the housing crisis.



MY EXPERIENCE:

- London Taxi driver, Branch Secretary of Unite London Taxi Branch
- Chair, Unite London & Eastern Region
- Vice President, London, East & South East TUC
- Unite Branch delegate to Chingford & Woodford Green CLP
- Unite delegate to London TULO



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