




NOMINATION FOR AN OCA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POSITION*

Name of nominee: Leslie London	
Position / Positions to which nominated: Secretary	
Confirmation of willingness to stand (signature): 	
Brief bio: I have lived in Observatory on and off since I was a student and continuously since 1993 as a homeowner. I work currently at UCT in the School of Public Health and Family Medicine; have been active in health advocacy organisations; some of my research involves questions of participation and social accountability in health. I have a long record of research and advocacy for occupational and environmental health especially related to pesticides and farm workers. I served as the convener of the Large Development Group from 2015 to 2019 and as Chair of the OCA this past four years	
Motivation for standing: I became involved in civic issues in Observatory as a result of the proximity of the Paragon development to my own house in Obs in 2015, but rapidly realised that the Paragon was the first of a multitude of challenges facing the whole of Obs. I realised very rapidly that unless Obs residents stand together, there is absolutely nothing we can do to ensure that developments like these do not destroy the fabric of our community. Besides the question of inappropriate developments in Obs, we also have had to deal with the COVID-19 epidemic and the impact of lockdown across our wider community, liquor license applications, homelessness and rejuvenating use of our public spaces. In all these matters, our Civic must get the Community's voice heard in decision-making. We have realised the importance of working with other civics in Cape Town who share our experience of token consultation processes and the lack of responsiveness of officials. We currently have major challenges facing us in respect of the Two Rivers Urban Park, the development at Oude Molen and the Local Spatial Development Framework. I have been chair since 2020 and it is time for me to stand down and hand over leadership to others. However, since I am familiar with many of the operational back-end requirements for the Civic, I believe I can support new leadership by taking on the secretary position and this will also bring some continuity.	
Name of Nominator 1: Anthony Hodgson	Name of Nominator 2: Joy Robinson
Signature of Nominator 1: 	Signature of Nominator 2: 
Date: 18 Nov 2024	Date: 19.11.2024

* This form must be submitted via email to info@obs.org.za by no later than 18.00 on 20th November 2024.

** The nominee and both nominators must have taken out or renewed membership of the OCA after October 8th and no later than November 20th and have been confirmed as members by the Management Committee.

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