NOMINATION FOR AN OCA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POSITION*

Name of nominee: Anthony Fish Hodgson

Position / Positions to which nominated: Social Issues

Confirmation of willingness to stand (signature): AFH

Brief bio:

I'm 36 years old, I currently work as a freelance data analyst, and recently completed my Masters in Public Health having previously studied and taught Philosophy at UCT a decade prior. In addition to my paid work I spend an enormous portion of my time doing activism/organising around a variety of causes ranging from Palestine Solidarity campaigns to mental health advocacy to working with local communities in a variety of capacities.

Motivation for standing:

I believe strongly in working towards a world that is better for everyone, not just people who I have some common identity with. I also believe strongly in the importance of democratic participation, as enshrined by our Constitution - in the authentic sense rather than the checkbox one so often meted out by city officials and processes.

I think it can feel very difficult to feel empowered to engage the issues of our world at the scale of international, national, provincial or even city, but at the level of local communities there are tangible ways in which we can organise amongst ourselves toward a collective vision of the society we want to live in.

This is the outlook I have tried to embody in my role on the Social Issues portfolio in 2024, and also the outlook which has led to my involvement in the broader Umbrella Collective of community and civic organisations across Ward 57, I hope to continue to be involved in these and other local initiatives going into 2025, doing what I can to bring our communities together to self-determine how we want to co-exist in the spaces we live, work, learn and move within.

Name of Nominator 1: Edwin Angless

Name of Nominator 2: TOY LOBINSON

Signature of Nominator 1: ESAngless

Signature of Nominator 2: アーイタリング

Date: 18 Nov 2024

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* 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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