NOMINATION FOR AN OCA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POSITION* to be voted on at the 2025 AGM on 26 Nov 2025

Name of nominee: Anthony Fish Hodgson	
Position / Positions to which nominated: Social Iss	sues
Confirmation of willingness to stand (signature):	YES

Brief bio:

I'm 37 years old and have been a resident of Observatory for over 5 years. I currently work as a freelance researcher and 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. I have occupied the OCA's Social Issues portfolio in 2024 and 2025, and have this year been in the process of setting up a subcommittee, which I hope will make the work more sustainable going forward, and open an organic path for succession.

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 be 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. As such, I am highly motivated to find ways to work within our suburb and ward 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: Leslie London	Name of Nominator 2: James Clacherty
Signature of Nominator 1: Signed	Signature of Nominator 2: Signed
Date: 5/11/2025	Date: 06/11/2025

^{*} This form must be submitted via email to info@obs.org.za by no later than 18.00 on Wed 19th November 2025.

^{**} The nominee and both nominators must have taken out or renewed membership of the OCA after October 1st and by November 19th and have been confirmed as members by the Management Committee.

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