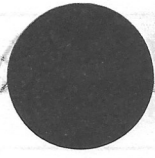


NOMINATION FOR AN OCA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POSITION*

to be voted on at the 2025 AGM on 26 Nov 2025

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; 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 from 2019/20 to 2023/24. For the past year, I took on the role of secretary.

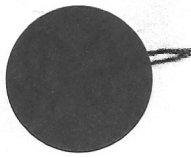
Motivation for standing:

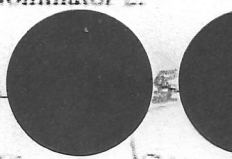
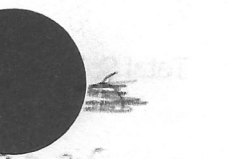
I became involved in civic issues in Observatory as a result of the proximity of the Paragon development to my own house in Obs in 2015, but rapidly realised that the Paragon was the first of a multitude of challenges facing the whole of Obs. I realised very rapidly that unless Obs residents stand together, 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 served as secretary for the OCA in 2024/2025 and am keen to support the current leadership by providing continuity in a supporting role as secretary.

Name of Nominator 1: Anthony Hodgson

Name of Nominator 2: Joy Robinson

Signature of Nominator 1: 

Signature of Nominator 2:   

Date: 5 November 2025

Date: 7 November 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. Membership applications can be done here: <https://obs.org.za/membership-account/membership-levels/>