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Call for Nominations: Umbrella Civic (92+) Coordinating Committee

Ahead of our AGM on **30 September 2026**, we're calling for nominations for the new Coordinating Committee.

Why we're doing this differently this year

Last year's committee ran (initially) on a flat structure, without individuals assigned to specific portfolios. It came from a good place — it felt more democratic. But in practice it meant that responsibility for pieces of work wasn't clearly owned by anyone.

This year, based on our experience, we're proposing moving to a portfolio-based structure built around our workstreams — not around titles. There's no chair or secretary; each committee member is simply the lead for one workstream. Being the elected lead doesn't mean doing all the work alone — coordinators can (and should) co-opt or recruit other members to help develop and carry out the work — but the coordinator carries ultimate responsibility for their portfolio's progress, and they report back to the committee and membership on it.

To back this up, the constitutional amendments going to a vote at the AGM will also set out a respectful recall process, and a clear process for co-opting help into a workstream — so that accountability and support both have a defined path, not just an expectation.

Portfolios open for nomination

- **Safety and Policing**
- **Youth and Families**
- **Community Building**
- **Housing**
- **Manifesto Monitoring** — holding our ward councillor accountable
- **Public Infrastructure**
- **Heritage**

(These are being reconfirmed as part of the constitutional amendments at the AGM — some may be added, merged, or dropped based on what's discussed there. We'd rather have fewer, well-resourced workstreams than try to do too much and achieve too little.)

What we're asking of nominees

Nominees for a portfolio will be expected to:

- Hold ultimate responsibility for the progress of the portfolio (it is not just about proposing ideas)
- Coordinate existing portfolio members and perhaps recruit more, to help get things done — nobody is expected to do it all single-handedly.
- Report back regularly to the rest of the committee and to the membership on progress.

Above all, we're looking for people who will do what they say they'll do. We want to get the best fit between the needs of the organisation and the skills and capacity that the committee members bring to it. Accountability will mean that these conversations about what is working and not working, should be easy to have.

General comments

We value having more than one nomination for the same portfolio, to add a measure of vigour to the process, and trust that those not elected will continue to contribute within the workstreams with the same kind of commitment.

In line with our constitution, we also encourage nominations that reflect the diversity of our membership — across identity, experience, and the different suburbs that make up 92+ (Salt River, Woodstock, Walmer Estate, University Estate, Observatory and some portions of District Six).

How to nominate

- You can nominate yourself or nominate someone else with their consent.
- Please email nominations to neighbourhoodsforjustice57@gmail.com, including:
 - Nominee's name and contact details
 - a community member who seconds your nomination
 - Which portfolio (see list above) you're standing for. To minimise the risk of having multiple nominees for some portfolios and none for others, please suggest your 1st choice portfolio + an alternative (or two).
 - Tell us a bit about yourself including the suburb you live in, any previous experience and most importantly, how you see yourself contributing.

Nominations close: 26 September 2026. Nominations received will be circulated to the membership ahead of the AGM.

Elections and the constitutional amendment vote will both be run independently by DAG at the AGM itself.

If you have any questions about what a particular portfolio involves, or aren't sure which one is the right fit, reach out — we're happy to talk it through before you commit to standing.