## **Claudia Webbe**

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Seeking your support as London Division 6 CLPs' representative for Hackney North and Stoke Newington; Hackney South and Shoreditch; Islington South and Finsbury; Islington North; Chingford; Leyton and Wanstead; Walthamstow; Enfield North; Enfield Southgate; Hornsey and Wood Green; Tottenham

I am seeking your support to ensure the voice of everyday party members is heard at the London level, thus enabling the necessary change to reflect the spirit of the party under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership. I will continue to press the case for more accountability, transparency and democracy in our London Regional Labour Party – no member should ever feel ignored or powerless. I want to work hard to ensure this principle is fully realised for all. I believe the London Labour Party should continuously strive to ensure a rule book that is published, accessible and clear to all members.

For families at the heart of our neighbourhoods and communities in London, it's getting harder and harder to make ends meet with rents, energy, food, travel and childcare continuing to rise, resulting in unacceptable and cruel choices between heating and eating. At a time of extreme inequality, the Tories' promise more tax cuts for the wealthy, and more spending cuts on our schools and on the vulnerable. They promised jobs but the jobs did not show up, the incomes did not rise and our schools and other vital public services got savaged. Since 2010, my council has lost over half its budget and with this Tory government it will continue to get worse, by 2020 we will have just a third of the funding we used to have.

That's why a Labour government will invest in education, including pre-school and early education, saying no to new grammar schools and segregation. A Labour government will route out and end poverty wages; enforce equal pay for equal work; implement genuine worker's rights; build more genuinely affordable social housing; kick out the Tory government's privatisation schemes and deals from our NHS and rebuild damaged front-line services like 'Job Centre Plus' that deliver nothing except sanctions for the unemployed. We must also fight the Tories' Boundary Commission gerrymandering and challenge the Tories botched Brexit deal that threaten jobs and rights. I support Jeremy Corbyn's clear anti-austerity stance and work to deliver a Labour Government committed to a plan for public investment and jobs that can get the economy growing, so that all can benefit, not just the few.

In London, I worked very hard with others to ensure the success of Labour's Sadiq Khan as Mayor of London in the race for City Hall. His Tory opponent ran one of the most blatantly racist campaigns in modern British history, which Londoners overwhelmingly rejected. As a Labour Party, our continued success was replicated in the London 2018 Council elections and in Council by-election seats since. The London Regional Board oversees the selection of the best possible team of candidates for elections across London and I will continue to work for transparent and fair selections and a winning campaign strategy.

I joined the Labour Party several decades ago because of my desire to see an end to inequality, discrimination and injustice, which is why I believe that in London we should campaign vigorously for decent social rent housing, lifting the borrowing cap to let Councils build homes whilst regulating the private rented sector and securing greater financial autonomy to increase and invest in jobs. We must end the scourge of zero-hour contracts and the Victorian-type work conditions.

As a trade unionist and member of UNITE, GMB and UNISON, I am keen to strengthen not weaken our links with the trade union movement. As an active member of my CLP (Islington South and Finsbury), I have served as both Vice Chair and BAME Officer, as well as Campaigns Officer and Secretary of my ward of Bunhill. As a Cooperative Party Member, Labour Party activist and campaigner I was elected a Councillor in May 2010 and re-elected in May 2014 with Labour's best result in the Borough since 1974, winning 47 of 48 seats. I was elected for a third term in the 2018 Council elections. As part of the Council's leadership team I hold Cabinet/Executive Member responsibility for Environment and Transport. I am one of the founders and former Chairperson of Operation Trident, initiated as a community response to tackle the effects of drug-fuelled gun murders disproportionately affecting Black communities. I am a member of Labour's NEC and Chair of Disputes.

I submit my values, qualities and experiences as detailed above for serious consideration to become your representative on the London Regional Board. I can be contacted directly as detailed below. Please also support Emina Ibrahim

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