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### Election Statement

#### Rebuilding Trust, Reasserting Value

The Vice President for Membership exists to be the voice of members: listening, advocating, and strengthening the collective power of the RIBA community. If elected, I will support President Chris Williamson's vision of a more inclusive, outward-facing, and relevant RIBA by focusing on what members are asking for most: value, visibility, and voice.

RIBA must be more than a professional body; it must be a trusted platform that architects are proud to belong to. I will work closely with Council, Board, and staff to ensure RIBA Chartered status means consistent quality, ethical standards, and fair remuneration- just as it does in other respected professions.

Supporting Chris's manifesto, I will help to deliver his ambitions around education, global presence, and inclusion; while ensuring that UK-based practices and sole practitioners see tangible benefits from membership. Together, we will strengthen pathways into the profession, create clearer benchmarks for practice accreditation, and promote architectural expertise in public and political arenas.

I will advocate for architects to be recognised not just as designers, but as essential contributors to safety, housing, and public value. In collaboration with the President and policy leads, I will support campaigns that call for architectural sign-off at key planning stages, stronger enforcement of the protected title, and greater involvement of architects in shaping the built environment.

As Vice President, I will uphold RIBA's strategic priorities while ensuring the lived realities of members; from early careers to large firms - inform decisions at the highest level. I will help deliver a RIBA that is respected externally and responsive internally.

My role will be to serve the membership, support the President, and strengthen the RIBA- not for personal legacy, but for professional unity. Together, we will make architecture matter again.