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### Election Statement

Today's Activists, Tomorrow's Architects!

It's time to build a fairer and stronger profession, together! As climate disasters intensify and vulnerable communities face continual displacement, our profession must respond not tomorrow, but today!

If elected, I will lead the call for climate literacy to become a core pillar of architectural education. Future architects must understand the deep and direct role that building practices and design have in either worsening or mitigating environmental harm to people and planet. We must be prepared to design architecture that protects vulnerable communities and builds resilience and adaptability in a volatile future.

But change doesn't stop there. I will also fight to end the exploitative treatment of young architects and recent graduates. Passion should never be exploited. Talent must be nurtured, fairly paid, and respected. Unpaid overtime and toxic work cultures must have no place in a profession that claims to design for humanity's future.

We must also open the doors to architectural education wider. More diverse voices must be heard and included. Diversity brings innovation, empathy and justice. When more people from diverse backgrounds gain access to architectural education we create architecture that truly reflects and serves everyone. It's time to build a fairer and stronger profession.

We are the next generation of architects. We have a right to reshape the future of architecture into a force for climate justice, social equity and ethical practice. Together we can build a future that is resilient, fair, and accessible for all.

We will live the longest with the consequences of today's decisions. We deserve a profession that respects people, protects the planet and values fairness over tradition. Our collective student voices have the power to be the catalyst for this change.