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2023 Election Address to my fellow Silver Members

I seek your support for re-election to the English Chess Federation Council to represent the Silver members for the 2023-24 season. As a current Silver member, I have carried out this role for the past SEVEN years. I feel able to build upon my experience and move forward with confidence for what this role requires for the future of chess and its players.

I have been playing chess for 30 years and I feel that I have a good understanding of people's views, due to my beliefs and reputation.

I work well with others and have built lots of relationships with different members, leagues and organisations over time. I have been attending ECF meetings since the 2014 AGM, and I have been a Silver Member rep since the ECF AGM 2016 meeting. I still enjoy doing it. My reasons for feeling so passionately about being a rep are because I want the players to have a voice at meetings and feel confident that their views are being represented and discussed formally. Any feedback from these meetings is always reported back to members, who have been most grateful of the opportunity for their opinions to be brought to the table. This proactive attitude and my action and response approach would continue if you vote for me to remain as the Silver rep for 2023/24.

I do not take for granted the role as I am proud to have been your representative since 2014 but I have never rested on my laurels. I am proactive in this role, and I feel that I have a good balance of skills and approaches - I canvass the opinions of the silver members, asking their views on key agenda items prior to meetings. If I am re-elected, I would aim to work in collaboration with whoever is also elected to support the Silver members, representing their views to the best of my abilities and hope you will elect me and someone who wants to put your views forward.

I always feel that any organisations need new blood coming through in order to continue the good work that has gone before and also to drive forward areas that could benefit from some change. I am passionate in recruiting new people and representing the views of members of all ages and of levels of experience. To gain a wider understanding of the complexities and viewpoints involved, I have volunteered to do different roles within the game. I wholeheartedly believe that this has helped me to see the rounded viewpoints needed to support chess moving forward.

I'm excited to be part of the future that lies ahead of us and would be more than happy to represent your views as members. I am also excited by the prospect of continuing in this role, if re-elected but also hope to find a fellow rep who cares about the membership as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and hope that you will give me your vote.

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