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Statement

With six years experience of being your deputy leader, I have helped lay the foundations that have taken the Green party from strength to strength in Council, Parliamentary and European elections. With dedication and persistence, I have worked to secure our aims and ambitions on the national stage. I want to continue this work for another term to ensure we build on our success by winning big in the next set of elections and amplifying our unique policy positions. I've worked at the grassroots with local parties the length and breadth of the country, been on election strategy committees that have secured our big wins and proven myself as an articulate media performer with both stats and wit.

I have vast media experience that covers every major news channel as well as taking on Piers Morgan on Good Morning Britain and Andrew Neil on Politics Live. The media coverage secured for the party in the last few years has been what the party had needed for decades to ensure that our radical yet rational politics are heard.

I have had articles, comment pieces, interviews and quotes in the Guardian, the i newspaper, New Statesman, Daily Telegraph, Vogue, Grazia as well as local papers across the country. In the 2019 General Election I also had a weekly column in the Independent to analyse the week in politics from a Green perspective. My most recent conference speech was covered on Channel 4 News, showing the cut through my work can get in the mainstream media.

With a BSc in Environmental Biology and an MSc in Environmental Technology, my work always comes from a scientific perspective. I am also a dedicated campaigner for workers rights and human rights, which is backed up by my work as co-chair of the People's Assembly, and my co-founding of Another Europe is Possible.

To achieve changes in policy, I have successfully worked cross-party to lobby for change in Parliament as well as worked to use our power as a party to petition for change on key issues such as to end airport expansion and make misogyny a hate crime.

I am committed to ensuring we support our diversity in our party. In the 2017 snap general election, I worked to ring fence funds to help to remove the barriers which prevent diverse candidates standing for elections, such as child care costs or even deposits. This was ringfenced again in 2019, and I have continued to ensure that is available in future General Elections.

Just this month, all my work over the years has been recognised on an international level by being shortlisted at the One World Young Politician of the Year.

The next two years are a vital time for the Green Party. Next year will be a bumper year of elections, with the elections that have been delayed due to coronavirus as well as the elections already scheduled for 2022. These include local, mayoral, London Assembly and the Welsh Parliament.

On top of this, the next general election is just four years away, and we need to be working to ensure that we are putting the foundations in place for those new Parliamentary seats that we deserve to win.

It is also essential that we build and win on campaigning and policy issues, as well as build our infrastructure to ensure that we increase the impact we have in “Target to Win” and elections.

We win council seats with grassroots campaigns that engage people on doorsteps. That's why I will continue to support your campaigns and candidates in local elections to boost action days, attract local press and radio as well as ensure that as a member of the leadership I am listening to the issues your community faces.

We must deliver these elections while boosting the profiles of our Mayor candidates, especially in Bristol where we have a real chance of winning. We also have our London Assembly elections where we can win more seats and secure better Green representation.

In the Welsh elections, I am lead list candidate in South Wales East. As Greens we can benefit from the proportional representation system and the recent change in rules which means that 16 and 17 year olds can now vote. I intend to boost our profile in these elections using my platform as deputy leader to boost our visibility.

The Welsh Parliament is the last place we haven't secured Green seats, and a win will be a key point in the history of our party.

I will use my knowledge and experience from being on election steering committees where we have had our historic big wins in the European elections as well as three general elections to keep us on the winning track.

We must also keep winning through campaigning and messaging. It is essential that a Green New Deal is the only way we build back after Coronavirus and work against all forms of austerity that have already devastated our communities once this generation. I will work to ensure that we use everything in our campaigning power to win, because it's what you want as a party member, and what we need as a country.

In the short time that I have been deputy leader, my work has helped take the party on a journey from being a small party with just 17,000 members, to being a political force that is consistently winning new seats across the country. I know that we can continue to make The Green Party a political force to be reckoned with - that's what you'll get if you vote for me first preference.