I’m proud to be trans and proud to be queer, to be a part of a staunch community so grounded in resistance and activism. I believe Mardi Gras should return to its origins as an organisation and fight for all queer people and all those marginalised in society. I believe we need a Mardi Gras that stands up against homophobia, transphobia, racism and sexism in all forms and at all times. We need a Mardi Gras that celebrates and continues its history of activism and resistance, that fights for freedom from oppression and discrimination, that always fiercely stands up for the most marginalised in our community.

I am the second spot for the Pride in Protest ticket: Vote 1 Wei Thai Haynes, 2 Imogen Rees, 3 Mikhael Burnard, 4 Jelena Rudd.

My experiences as a trans woman and a welfare recipient have grounded my politics and would ground my actions as a director; I believe Mardi Gras should demand a more equal and just society, one free of discrimination and harassment. Mardi Gras must fight for queer liberation and resistance, including campaigning against upcoming religious freedom bills and the toxic and dangerous education bill proposed by Mark Latham.

My involvement in university collectives and wider political action has trained me in recruitment and political organising, this would assist me to help grow and educate the activist community surrounding Mardi Gras. We must develop this activist community if we are to embrace the radical grassroots activist history of Mardi Gras, and continue to fight for our rights.

Beyond my involvement in university politics, I have been involved in left-wing political, environmental and queer activism and movement building. These experiences have taught me that rights are won through collective action and protest, that to build a radical anti-racist, anti-colonial, anti-transphobic and profoundly queer Mardi Gras we must fight for it.

LGBTQIA+ alliances
I am a proud member of Pride in Protest
Mardi Gras
Rainbow Labor
University of Sydney Queer Action Collective
A proud union member of AUWU.
Pride in Protest candidates will not upload resumes for the purposes of elections.

We believe that inequalities in societies are what produces a lack of opportunity, positions and credentials. Gatekeeping nominations on this grounds perpetuates and exacerbates these inequalities.

The position of a Board Director is fundamentally a political representative for the community.

We, as working class queer people, believe we are the ultimate authority of our own lives.

Thus, we have answered 4 for all the previously asked questions as we are experts in the political project of queer liberation.