Sydney simultaneously hosts one of the most vibrant queer communities in Australia, and yet one whose history is amongst the most violent and oppressive. The 78ers represented a staunch community response to the injustices which were perpetrated by our government’s police forces against this very community. I should be elected to Mardi Gras board because I want to see the movement that Mardi Gras represents, return to its roots of resistance and stand up to the oppressions which we continue to face today in celebration of our resilience.

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

Mardi Gras is an organisation that represents a movement of resistance, and its board should be comprised of people whose skills reflect this movement. I have been involved in building grassroots resistance projects for four years in a wide range of overlapping movements including queer, union, environmental, anti-colonial and feminist. As a result I am well-equipped to help organise and participate in the education of activists as well as actively bringing new people into the movement. I have assisted in the organisation of many public street demonstrations, which have been and should continue to be the nucleus of Mardi Gras’ existence.

**LGBTQIA+ alliances**
I am a proud member of Pride in Protest
Mardi Gras

a proud union member of The Australian Workers Union and the Australian Unemployed Workers Union
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.