

# CAPaD- Awakening Democracy

## The Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

### Candidate Statement for the 2020 ACT Election

My name is Stephen Lin, a native of Wuhan, Central China, and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of

#### **Murrumbidgee**

**I am endorsed to represent the Canberra Progressives, along my Colleague Mr Robert Knight.**

**These are my skills and experience for being an MLA.** I have been admitted to practise law in Queensland since 2001 and worked mainly in community legal services. I held Principal License for or managed several of such legal services, including Central Queensland Community Legal Centre and Queensland Advocacy Inc. I have also worked as disability advocate in Queensland and ACT, promoting mental health and disability service into multicultural communities. I have keen interests in community service, public facilities for children, and overall wellbeing for the disadvantaged groups.

I have also contributed my skills in Community Radio programs and multicultural projects development.

**If elected,** I will get to know community groups and meet their representatives and members, and harness their current concerns and priorities for my future Bill proposals and law reform recommendations.

I will maintain open communication channels with the public, represent their voices on various issues, be their referral hub to identify best mechanism to resolve their concerns, and follow up with the relevant agencies for better solution.

I will also participate in various parliamentary committees and examine pressing issues in detail, and contribute to law reforms needed in our electorate and wider ACT.

I will work with the constituents for improved social and cultural environment.

I will learn fast and contribute in policy making widely, keep the government accountable for any policy and administrative mistakes.

#### **Statement of Democratic Commitments**

1. I will encourage community groups to participate in policy debates and make submissions whenever possible.
2. I will inform and encourage residents from multicultural backgrounds to contribute into policy development and enrich our community.
3. I will promote programs to advance the opportunities for disadvantage groups.
4. I will inspire and guide children and young people to embrace our democratic value and acquire skills and pursue public roles to enhance our democratic structure and composition of the society.

**Signed and Dated:**



**16 September 2020**