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Bike Racer

My name is Cameron Bond, and I am presenting myself as a candidate for the 2024-2026 Board of Directors. I stand here for one main reason: I firmly believe that accomplished cyclists like us should play a role in the decisions made on our behalf. Over the past seven years, there's been a noticeable decline in club-organized races. Surprisingly, the majority of races are now organized by just two promoters, both of whom occupy board seats. I aim to be the voice that represents the majority and influences decisions for the broader racing community. It's crucial to revive races by clubs that had a successful track record and rekindle the unique festive spirit of race day, especially the vibrancy the Midwest effortlessly exudes right here in Southern California.

Our Junior Racing program needs immediate attention. The evident lack of young participants every weekend highlights the need for effective outreach. I propose we launch an initiative to introduce bike racing in schools across Southern California. If neglected, we risk losing an entire generation from participating in our beloved sport. It's a misconception to think only prodigies succeed; this mindset often leads to burnout before they even reach college. While organizing more races for juniors is essential, we must also find ways to attract them.

A shoutout to Ray Marz is much deserved. He's been a silent pillar of support for our sport, especially in the past two seasons. Ray's dedication has brought live SoCal racing to YouTube, and it's a joy to see the quality of his broadcasts soaring with each event. Despite his selfless service, he has been offering this for free. I advocate for allocating a budget for his commendable efforts next year.

On the topic of the SoCal Cup, taking a cue from Kyle Cooper, I propose reintroducing the Best All-around Rider (BAR) points series backed by SCNCA. We've had such a series before, and it's high time we revive it. Participation from every director on the calendar or robust documentation by SCNCA is crucial. The NCNCA's BAR series is a prime example, emphasizing individual involvement. Reintroducing this series will undoubtedly motivate racers to stay committed all year, and a monetary award will only sweeten the deal.

I'm confident I can bring value to the Southern California racing community. I pledge to approach every matter with transparency and integrity.

Warm Regards,

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