

Ballot Statement for Thomas Brigandi, CFA

Over the past decade I have invested over ten thousand volunteer hours into CFA Society New York (CFANY). In my most recent two CFANY volunteer leadership roles, which began in February 2020, I served as either the Chair or the Vice Chair of CFANY's Board of Directors. During the past three years and ten months in these leadership roles, I strategically guided our Society through significant operational challenges posed by the pandemic, in addition to funding cuts from our partners and sponsors. I am extremely proud of our Society's fiscal stewardship during the pandemic, which has been my primary focus since the pandemic lockdown began in March 2020. As of today, CFANY has over 6 million dollars in accessible non-Board designated unrestricted liquidity, up from just shy of 4.8 million dollars at the end of fiscal 2019.

In addition to six years of service on the CFANY Board of Directors, my volunteer service has been recognized with two awards from CFA Institute and four awards from CFANY. In 2017, I received the CFA Institute's Inaugural Global Outstanding Young Leader award, and in 2021, I was the recipient of the CFA Institute's Americas Volunteer of the Year award. In 2013, I received the CFANY (then NYSSA) Young Investment Professional Award, and in 2016 I was named the Benjamin Graham Distinguished Service award recipient. Additionally, I received the CFANY Volunteer of the Year Award in both 2015 and 2017. I received these CFANY awards before I joined the CFANY Board of Directors in 2018.

My CFANY volunteer leader journey began in 2013, when I was appointed Vice Chair of the Global Investing Committee. In this role, I led a resurgence of the group, growing the Committee from 180 members to over 500 members in under 2 years, while organizing highly successful day-long conferences on investment trends across every populated region. In 2015, I founded the CFANY Asset Owner Series (AOS), which over the past 8 years has hosted over 400 senior level asset allocator speakers from organizations responsible for over \$40 trillion in fiduciary institutional assets at their time of speaking. For context, there is roughly \$100 trillion in fiduciary institutional assets globally today, and the asset allocators who spoke our Society's AOS events represented sovereign wealth funds, insurance company general accounts, pension funds, endowments, central bank reserve funds, foundations, multilaterals, OCIOs and family offices.

In January 2018, I joined the CFANY Board of Directors, where I currently serve as Chair, a role I have served in since March 2022. I previously served as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors from February 2021 to March 2022, and from February 2020 to October 2020. Additionally, I served as Interim Chair of the Board of Directors from October 2020 to February 2021. I believe I am well-placed to continue serving on the Board of Directors of CFA Society New York (CFANY) given my extensive leadership experience and dedication to our Society, and I would be grateful for your vote.