

Dear Friend

I am asking for your consideration as your first preference candidate for the Liberal Democrat GLA list.

I served as a councillor and cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration in Tower Hamlets for 12 years and came second in two Borough Mayoral Elections.

Raising my family in the East End, I experienced the many contrasts and contradictions in our borough: the wealth of Canary Wharf contrasts starkly with poverty, deprivation and health inequalities that are sadly prevalent. Personal experiences of prejudice and injustice have given me a strong sense of my identity, and an intolerance of all forms of bigotry and injustice. I joined the Liberal Democrats in 2018 to fight for a safer, more prosperous, and inclusive city by joining a party that shared my values after the Brexit referendum. We are the party of equality and opportunity, social justice, and working together for our community.

I WILL BE A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE, NOT JUST ONE SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY

I now work for a national charity focused on empowering girls and women and am an Aziz Foundation scholar, an author and regular columnist for newspapers including the Guardian and Financial Times.



FOR AN OPEN, TOLERANT, AND SAFER LONDON

STRONGER

- Campaign to attract innovative, high tech and life sciences companies to address loss of firms after Brexit
- Invest in young people to access opportunities, community activities and support to fulfill their potential
- Build new affordable homes that meet the needs of Londoners on brownfield sites



MORE EQUAL

- Fight for the rights of leasholders affected by the building safety crisis and for a commonhold model
- Hold rogue housing associations to account over substandard housing
- Support campaigns to make misogyny a hate crime in UK Law
- Support refugees seeking sanctuary in our capital



CLEANER, GREENER & SAFER

- Promote an Inclusive Climate Change Agenda to ensure underrepresented experts and communities have a voice in our response to the climate crisis
- Support local businesses and markets and regenerate London's High Streets
- Stand up for Londoners by effectively scrutinising and holding the Mayor to account



FOR A BOLD, BRAVE, AND GREENER FUTURE

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