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Embryo alive in the uterus
8 weeks following fertilization



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Sid Cordle MBE - Leader's Introduction

In this May 2021 London Assembly election, we are fighting confidently to get our first representative onto London's elected body. We have an excellent list of candidates for the Assembly, headed by our No.1 candidate Maureen Martin, as well as a strong manifesto for London which I commend to you.

Most political parties are devoid of ideas, churning out similar policies year after year and then in power failing to deliver very much. The CPA offers a radical alternative which will transform society. We understand the needs of business, which is why we have a national policy of halving commercial rates with a view over time of getting rid of them completely, paid for by the proceeds from our Turnover Tax. We're not going to try and stop people buying online, but we are going to ensure there is a level taxation field between those who buy online and those who buy in a shop. Our policies will ensure this. Then with business supported we will have the money to care for the poor and outcast. London has to be example to other capitals by putting the poorest at the heart of its policies.



The impact of Covid 19 and the worldwide response has been a massive challenge to both our country and our capital. In the CPA we understand the genuine risks posed by Covid 19, particularly to the elderly and medically vulnerable, but believe there are far more just and effective ways of dealing with it than have so far been put into practice. It has certainly not warranted the unprecedented deprivations of our God-given natural rights and liberties — including the right to collective worship, the right to earn a living and the right to informed medical consent. We are strongly opposed to any form of mandatory vaccination, including vaccine passports, enforced church closures and bans on marriage. None of these things are necessary.

We will also focus on moral education, supporting families and protecting life from conception until natural death. These core values of the CPA may be unique to our party at present, but they are God's values and the values our nation so desperately needs — not just to survive, but to thrive. If you believe in them please vote for us on 6th May 2021 wherever you can. If you have no candidate then please think about standing for us yourself next time. The more candidates we have the more we will get our message out across the nation. Every voice and every vote will make the CPA message that little bit louder.

Sid Cordle MBE

Leader, Christian Peoples Alliance

A note on our London Assembly Manifesto

The Christian Peoples Alliance recognises that the Mayor of London is responsible for a budget of £17bn which is used, among other things, to run transport, police and fire services, build affordable homes and promote London's economy. Part of the Council Tax levied by London's councils is set by the Mayor to help fund these services. The CPA has detailed policies which cover each area of responsibility. Under each heading we look at the responsibilities and then detail our policies in those areas. The role of the Mayor of London is fluid, so there is also a possibility that we may be able to influence policy in other areas of our [national manifesto](#) not covered here. Where we can, we will.

Health

Health is one of the most critical areas for all Londoners. Through the London Health Board, the Mayor works in conjunction with London Boroughs and the NHS, following the commencement of devolution of health in December 2015. The London Assembly is responsible for reviewing health and well-being on public health issues such as alcohol misuse, obesity and reviewing progress on Health Inequalities and the devolution of health responsibilities.

The 10 aspirations of the London Health Board can be found on their website:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/london-health-board-2021-02-23#>

Promoting the Health of Londoners through Partnership

The CPA is committed to improving the health and well-being of all residing in London, to encourage personal responsibility and to provide high-quality health care whenever needed, regardless of through whom that is provided — the State, charities, voluntary organisations or private companies. The CPA will seek to encourage and facilitate differing forms of partnership, suitable for local circumstances, mostly involving the NHS, with local authorities, charities, non-profit and for-profit organisations and, above all, with patients. Health innovations through such **partnerships will include:**

- **promoting holistic patient-centred care** — the emphasis will be on encouraging and supporting individuals and families to take responsibility for their personal fitness, natural health and well-being

- **prevention and self-cure programmes** – in particular relating to smoking, obesity and exercise; workplace health schemes and incentives; alcohol, excess sugar and salt
- **involving carers** fully in that planning including respite planning
- **Integrate health and social care funding, with clinical support.** We will run further pilot schemes where care homes and intermediate care homes can provide long-term patient accommodation at a lower cost.
- Local authorities will be encouraged to do what they can to Increase the provision of good quality terminal, palliative and respite care for infants, children and adults, whether in their own homes or in hospices.

Restoring a Pro-life Ethic of Care to Health and Social Care.

Restoring a pro-life ethic across health and social care at every level involves every member of staff doing their best to save the life and/or assist the healing of a patient, and where life is coming to an end to provide the best care for the best possible quality of life. All care services should always seek to cure and alleviate suffering, but never kill, and such practices as abortion and euthanasia, whether by act of omission, as well as being wrong in themselves, always corrupt the medical culture and sap the will of society to care for the vulnerable.

Other CPA Policies which relate to health (e.g., air pollution, safeguarding cyclists, provision of housing etc will be found in the relevant sections of this Manifesto)

Crime and Policing

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) is the strategic oversight body which sets the direction and budget for the Metropolitan Police Service on behalf of the Mayor. It ensures the Metropolitan Police Service is run efficiently and effectively, and holds it, and other criminal justice services, to account. The work of MOPAC is examined by the London Assembly's Police and Crime Committee, which also reviews the police and crime plan for London. Operational policing decisions are neither made by the Mayor, nor by the London Assembly.

Restorative Justice will be implemented with the following initiatives:

- The CPA believes in restorative justice. Our policy will be for all offenders to meet with victims where appropriate and where the victims are willing, so that offenders

understand the effect of their crimes and think about what they are doing. Simply putting people in prison, and expecting them to reoffend, is not good enough.

- Closely connected to strengthening marriage and the family is the route to tackling crime. For a real and lasting reduction in crime we need to tackle its root causes. If Christian values of loving our neighbours and our enemies, and forming lasting stable relationships, are followed perfectly then real crime would effectively cease. However, simply promoting such values will positively impact our crime rates. The by-product of this will be safer streets, better parenting and a happier society. Our aim is to eliminate the yob culture and the “me first” society. The CPA focus is not simply on punishing but also on restoring the offender.
- We will make sure that no one leaves prison without somewhere to live. At the moment too many prisoners are being released onto the streets and left with no money, expected to make a benefit claim that takes months to be processed.
- We want a new focus on dealing with criminal gangs more effectively, and support targeted initiatives in each area, especially those dealing with knife crime.
- We want more focus on tackling drug and alcohol dependency at its root with education and awareness. We would devote resources to make sure that human trafficking is eliminated in London.
- We will foster an atmosphere of personal responsibility and good manners in London beginning in the schools, so London is a welcoming city to everyone who comes here.
- We totally support making the London Underground alcohol free, and where alcohol related crime is substantial, we will extend that to other places.

Tackling Fraud in the Capital

We want stronger links between the Metropolitan Police, the City of London Police, the Serious Fraud Office, and HMRC, to deal with fraud issues and tax scandals, many of which are bigger theft issues than stealing on the streets. The police should be talking regularly with HMRC officials to ensure that the officials themselves are dealing with any criminal activity they become aware of, in the right way. We want London to be a corruption free city.

Transport

Transport in London is managed by Transport for London (TfL). The Mayor sets the budget and appoints the board of TfL. The Mayor develops the strategy for transport across London and looks at the ways Londoners get about in the capital. The London Assembly holds TfL to account, reviewing its budget and performance. The Assembly also oversees the operation and budget of London Travel Watch, the capital's transport users' committee.

Make Cycling Safer

As a matter of urgency, we want to see further measures to improve the safe experience of cyclists and encourage more to take up this environmentally- and health-friendly means of transport.

We would implement the following measures:

- We will be having discussion with cycling groups as to how this can be done and allocate resources to increase physical separation between cyclists and vehicles.
- Have safer left-hand turns where required
- Introduce traffic light priority for cyclists and promote the use of pedestrian crossing for Cyclists.
- Look at introducing additional lorry driver/cyclist training and further lorry design so as to eliminate blind spots, especially when turning left. As with other road users (e.g., motorcyclists having helmets, car passengers wearing seatbelts)
- Cyclists also have responsibilities for their own well-being, and we will consider ways of requiring appropriate safety helmets and jackets for cyclists in London.
- To recognise the importance of cycling throughout London along with other forms of transport (whilst keeping rebranding costs to a minimum) we will rename Transport for London Transports for London.

Transport for London

We will implement further measures on TFL to improve the overall service:

- Step free access for London Stations

- A complete review of London requirements following the end of Covid restrictions.
- We now propose a new Oyster for London residents (at a small charge) that will include a whole range of discounts for London residents including a, a young person's Oyster for those 18-21 and a Family Oyster for those who travel with children. These will carry substantial discounts from the tourist fare. It will be possible for people who live elsewhere in the UK to buy the cards that offer discounts. We want London to be tourist friendly, but tourists should expect to pay a higher price than those who use London transport constantly and live here.
- The CPA believes a new Thames Gateway bridge at Thamesmead is long overdue and should now be built as a priority. This will be a toll bridge priced at the same price or cheaper than the Dartford crossing, but paid for the same way. This will enable those who live in postcodes around the bridge to be given free travel.
- Capital projects will sustain and strengthen London, which is the engine room for the whole British economy. Under the CPA they will be well planned and delivered.

The Environment

The Mayor develops strategies to address environmental issues in London, such as air quality, water, noise, climate change, and public spaces. The Mayor appoints members of the board of the Royal Parks Agency and is directly responsible for Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square. The London Assembly reviews the Mayor's environmental strategy, recommends improvements to it, and tests the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery.

CPA policies:

- Air pollution is a major killer in London. 9,416 early deaths (2010) were due to NOx and PM2.5¹. The CPA would bring forward and extend the Ultra-Low Emission Zone from its current 2020 implementation requiring cars and small vans to be included. We would consult on introducing the 'red, yellow, green' sticker system of car pollution identification and monitoring, which has been shown to move motorists from high pollution cars (red stickers) to low pollution (green stickers)²
- In order to minimize car journeys into London and cut pollution, we will introduce larger new Park and Ride schemes from the major M25 exits (consulting where they should be), so that people can drive to an M25 park and get a train into the centre of London or to other parts of the capital, without driving there. This policy should then help us make London's roads safer and less congested. Once these are in place, we will look to extending the congestion charge to a wider area to give people,

especially those from outside London, a greater incentive to use the new schemes. In addition to those currently exempt, which includes residents of the zone, we will include those who work for registered charities.

- We will pilot a car sharing lane on the M25 which can only be used where there are 3 or more people in the car and see if it is effective in reducing the number of cars on the road.
- We will also seek to introduce a coach scheme going round the M25, connecting each park and ride park, which should reduce the number of cars and greatly increase the capacity of the M25 without road works.
- Subject to research on lifecycle analysis, and the cleanness of London power generation, we would greatly increase the number of charging points in London for electric cars (EVs). When these are in place, we would require all new buses and taxis in London to be electric, in order to cut pollution. This would be a condition of all new taxi licences. We understand it will take time to move to 100% electric taxis and we will allow for that, but the process of transfer would start from Day 1. We would also like to see a fleet of electric cars for use for rental in the city of London.
- The cleanliness of electricity depends on how cleanly it is produced and where. At the moment London gets most of its electricity from the national grid, too often sourced from fossil fuels, but efforts are underway to produce more locally from renewables. We support these efforts and will speed up their development³.
- We will do a complete review of public toilet facilities in London and see how these can be re-established safely and improved for the benefit of all, especially tourists.
- We will do a review of the effectiveness of street signs in the capital and see what improvements can be made. The Mayor is responsible for developing a housing strategy and investing in London's housing – including for new affordable homes – to meet the needs of London's growing population. The housing strategy also addresses issues such as homelessness, social housing, landlords and renting. The London Assembly reviews the Mayor's housing strategy, recommends improvements to it and tests the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery.

Housing

There are still many people living on the streets or evicted from their homes with nowhere to go. We would propose as a major plank of our housing strategy for London paying for night shelters in every area where there is a need which will include somewhere to sleep, a hot meal and shower facilities. This will be available for anyone who needs it who is not involved with drug abuse or alcohol abuse. People in this latter category will be given

specialist support to assist them. It's time for London to stop turning its back on the poor and leaving care to charities. People who make use of night shelters or have been given specialists support will be given priority for permanent housing as it will be obvious that they are homeless.

To implement the above we would:

- Seek to increase socially rented and affordable homes by encouraging self-build schemes together with encouraging full implementation of such units being provided in larger schemes and full implementation of Community Infrastructure Levy on smaller schemes. It cannot be right that the gap in housing provision continues to grow at the expense of those who have least.
- Rents are far too high on the western side of London. We would do what we can to encourage investment in the east, this is already happening with Canary Wharf, but the process must continue with careful planning. As areas in the east are cleared, we want a housing strategy that will make the east of London an attractive place to live, including green open spaces as well as new technology centres and new commerce centres.

Rebuilding London's High Streets:

As shopping in traditional shopping centres is replaced by large out of town shopping facilities, such as Westfield or Bluewater, we will create more homes by implementing the following measures:

- We will seek to rebuild traditional shopping centres to include housing provision, to restore life to them, and to reduce the necessity for housing on green sites.
- We will seek to locate good quality sheltered housing close to town centres with full access to shops.
- We will also bring in capital improvement grants for retailers, to convert unused floor space above shops into living accommodation, to ensure that accommodation above commercial centre shops is used for housing.
- We will encourage the use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders and lobby for these to be extended to those properties that remain empty for 12 months, even if not causing a 'nuisance', with compulsory purchase powers to be used where necessary so as to increase the availability of low-cost housing.
- Our national policy is to use a new turnover tax to cut business rates in half immediately and phase them out completely over time. In order to make a level playing field for those who shop online with those who shop on the high street.

Planning and Development

The Mayor develops a planning strategy for London which sets out a vision for the development of the capital for decades to come. In certain cases, the Mayor may act as the planning authority for London, with the power to approve or reject planning applications for large developments. The London Assembly reviews the Mayor's planning strategy, recommends improvements to it, and tests the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery.

CPA policies:

- Planning rules must be exercised fairly and equally. Steps must always be taken to encourage commercial development and job creation, but only in a way that is sensitive to the development of the city. There will be a major focus on the east and south east of the city, as this is where the largest changes are taking place.
- Central to our planning strategy across London will be access for disabled people and the safety of children, pedestrians, and cyclists. We will also ensure adequate safe play areas for children.
- We want the design of buildings to be of the highest quality and to fit with the image of London that is smart and progressing well. Both private and public developments will have to meet high standards of sustainable construction, including energy efficiency, water conservation, reuse of building waste and the use of solar power and wind power. The CPA will ensure that existing buildings reach targets for cutting energy.
- We will use planning and licensing powers to restrict gambling, sex shops, and sex club outlets, seeking to come back into local authority and thus democratic control.
- We want proper and effective consultation on all planning matters including the right of appeal against a grant of planning permission. We would greatly simplify the appeals process.

Economic Development and Regeneration

The Mayor develops an economic development strategy, and champions the city at home and abroad. The Mayor works to promote a strong economy in London, to support local economies, and to help Londoners to create wealth. The Mayor works closely with businesses and London's councils, and through the London Enterprise Panel. The London Assembly reviews the Mayor's economic development strategy, recommends improvements to it, and tests the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery.

CPA policies:

- Of major concern to the CPA is to encourage business in London to develop in an ethical manner. We are committed to routing out all forms of commercial crime and scams, and all business created and developed here must be sustainable in the long term.
- We are committed to the growth of the City of London and Canary Wharf as the leading finance centre in the world alongside New York, free from any corruption. This includes tax evasion, MTIC fraud, and bribery, all of which must have no place in the City of London.
- We will actively seek out and welcome new industries to London that are conducted ethically.
- Tourism is a major source of finance for London, and we will work with tour operators to make sure that tourists feel welcome and safe when they come to London and are offered an enjoyable experience.
- We will always look to develop new attractions for tourists. London is already developing as a major information technology centre in the world, with new innovations.
- London has some wonderful green areas in its heart, and a green belt surrounding it. We are committed to preserving these and to see large new parks being developed in the East of the City. We want a network of greenways to be developed, where possible, to encourage enjoyable walking and running routes throughout the city.
- The CPA would seek to make some premier London locations such as its wonderful green spaces available for wedding celebrations.

Other Policies

Where it is possible, we will also govern London with reference to our updated national manifesto. Through the CPA, commitment to the principle of respect for life ways will be developed in promoting the hospice movement begun in London by Dame Cecily Saunders. We will support the idea of a special hospice in London for very young children with terminal illness or severe disability, similar to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice (www.zoes-place.org.uk).

To demonstrate our respect for life we would:

- In light of the fact that 44,000,231 abortions were performed in London 2019 the CPA would affirm life choices by providing support for those in crisis pregnancies.
- Seek to provide counselling for couples in crisis pregnancy situations, to ensure that coercion is replaced with informed consent.
- Welcome the annual March for Life to London.

Effective Partnerships.

Everything we do in London will be done in partnership with proper charities (churches are charities, and we prefer this terminology to *faith groups*) who are already doing a wonderful job in many areas to help the poor and marginalised. We don't want to take over their work, but we want to support and empower them to do more, and in some case will offer greater financial support.

To promote this policy, we would:

- We will seek that all our policies are in support of the family, not supplanting the role of the family.
- A review will be conducted of agencies funded by the Mayor or for which the Mayor is responsible to ensure that they do not promote violence, pornography, anti-life or anti-family values and policies.
- We would ban the Al-Quds annual march from taking place in London. Al-Quds is a terrorists organisation committed to the obliteration of Israel, promoting violence and genocide, as such we will not support their objectives.

Selected References

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