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Independent Candidate

for Mayor of London

Vision

Statement

London is ranked the best City in the world and is a proud Global City.

As Mayor of London, I am determined to do whatever it takes to ensure that London, my chosen home for 20 years, retains its place as the leading Global City and that **all Londoners feel safe, secure and empowered with opportunities for growth.**

This position, however, masks the fact that **around 2.2 million Londoners continue to live in poverty.**

This is why **improving wellbeing and living standards are critical for me.** I strongly believe much more needs to be done for the low- and middle-income households across London. I am passionate about reinvigorating optimism and pride for these families and believe this can be achieved through my proposals to level up across the city.

My family heritage, is steeped in service to society for over 140 years, sandwiched **between three centuries**, the 19th, 20th and 21st. This serves as my guiding light.

My life's work has been dedicated to crafting innovative solutions in banking and financial services worldwide.

I have worked tirelessly for community engagement, inspiring active participation in development projects and philanthropic initiatives in London and internationally.

I have worked very closely with the next generation and have supported opportunities in 44 countries to date. **I am a catalyst for positive change** and will urge the younger generation to shape their communities for the better.

At the heart of all this is my **unwavering support for entrepreneurship**, alongside a formidable belief in transforming ideas into thriving ventures. **I aspire to rekindle the spirit, pride, and vibrancy of every Londoner.** My vision extends far into the future, ensuring that the next generation is promised a bright and prosperous future.

I am committed to unity and progress. I invite every Londoner to be part of a brighter future for the city that we call home.

Under my leadership, **we will together build a thriving London, do away with barriers for growth and ensure the safety of all its citizens.** I envision a landscape where we set aside political and other differences to ensure the diverse needs of every generation and every community are met.

I embody a unifying force, positive change and progress that is not confined by party politics. I have worked across continents and will bring synergistic opportunities across all the nations whose diaspora call London home.

The geopolitical, economic, social, technological and environmental landscape is changing rapidly in ways we are yet to fully comprehend. **I want to transform London by engaging with Londoners** and utilise resources effectively and efficiently to ensure transformational and tangible change.

I am standing as an independent candidate to become the next Mayor of London because I want to encourage the free flow of ideas and policies without party ideology and bias.

London's vision should not be blurred by party lines.

London is about the people not the politics.

London is where people and cultures from all over the world blend, thrive and grow.

These are unprecedented and challenging times, that require **mature, steady and growth driven leadership.** As the Mayor of London, I will ensure London becomes the first choice for investment to ensure safety and prosperity for all. I want to make London the Greatest City and bring back the smile, the pride, and the mojo for all Londoners.

My journey stands as a testament for unwavering commitment to public service and exceptional ability for uniting people to achieve success.

My vision paints a picture of a future brimming with hope, promise, and boundless potential. London has waited too long for a Mayor whose dedication inspires the kind of progress that leaves no one behind **and brings back the smile for all Londoners.**

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Policy Ideas

As Mayor of London, I will work tirelessly and selflessly for all Londoners. I want to hear from all communities about the issues impacting them. This is why I am engaging directly with communities and businesses across all sectors to work together to secure London's bright future.

Making London

Safe For All

Safety is paramount for our communities.

Londoners do not feel safe anywhere, anytime, anymore. Women feel unsafe. London has failed its youth with gang warfare spreading. Criminal exploitation of children is increasing.

Has the current Mayor of London forgotten he is responsible for the totality of policing?

Too many Londoners are impacted by crime. This must stop.

- ** I will create **dedicated units** to tackle crime.
- ** Increased and urgent focus on violence and crime against **women**.
- ** Ensure visible on the beat **community policing**.
- ** **Re-open police stations** where crime rates are high
- ** Measure each police officer's performance strictly against **crime reduction** and **prevention goals**

One life lost is one too many

Getting London Moving

This is hampering London's economic growth, having been ranked as the most congested city in the world

The Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is a disaster whilst Tubes, buses, roads are all clogged. The Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) are not helping.

Is the current Mayor of London not aware his policies have brought London and Londoners to a standstill?

Costs have increased for Londoners and businesses with these policies and low-income households are impacted. A total revamp is essential.

- ** I will **scrap ULEZ**.

- ** **LTNs** will be **abolished**.
- ** **Congestion Charge** will be removed over weekends and holidays.
- ** Additional resources will be provided to **minimise noise pollution**.

I will ensure the transport system is efficient, effective, fair and equitable for all.

Levelling up for Londoners

Around 25% of Londoners and over 33% of Children live in poverty,

This is shocking and totally unacceptable Children, women, people living with disabilities and long-term conditions, people from minority ethnic groups, lone parents and people who are socially excluded, such as rough sleepers and many others with low income levels are struggling to cope.

Has the current Mayor of London forgotten his moral responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of all Londoners?

This is a top priority London is broken.

- ** I will **deliver** genuinely **affordable homes**.
- ** The **voice of Londoners** will be encouraged in new housing plans
- ** Standards of **temporary accommodations** will be improved by working closely with boroughs.
- ** Will fight for making **childcare more affordable** for claimants.
- ** I will use my independent voice to lobby hard against the Government's **two-child benefit** cap and for **increasing child benefit**.
- ** I will ensure **free school meals**.
- ** Will **unlock employment opportunities** by encouraging further investment in London.
- ** Will increase funding for **benefit, debt and welfare legal advice services** and make them more effective.
- ** I will work with the business community to create more **flexible employment opportunities**.

I will bring back the smile for all Londoners.

Strengthening

London's Communities

Communities are feeling isolated in London, there is a growing sense of social dislocation, inequalities created by poor policies have exacerbated the problem.

London feels like a lonely place to live for many, lack of adequate community facilities, work, skills and employment opportunities affecting many, lower engagement with fami-

lies unsure of housing, volunteering by fewer people, not enough government or council funding, youth are leaving their communities.

Has the current Mayor of London not realised many of his policies have left communities struggling and made them insular?

Creating cohesiveness and bringing communities together is critical

- ** I will strengthen relationships between neighbours and neighbourhoods through a **community cohesion strategy**.
- ** Will celebrate the diversity of London's communities by championing the voices of young people through the creation of **borough led youth councils**.
- ** Volunteers and volunteering will be a key plank strategy through a Mayor of London **Volunteering fund**.
- ** I will use my independent voice to lobby hard against the Government's **two-child benefit** cap and for **increasing child benefit**.
- ** **Sports and culture** will be fostered like never before.
- ** **Sustainability and environment** will be areas of focus.
- ** Will create a **Mayoral Statement of Community Involvement** Happy communities mean thriving communities all working with the same goal for their own London.

I will work tirelessly and selflessly across communities and boroughs.

Championing London

The leadership and ambition to spearhead and develop sustainable prosperity and re-define London's pitch to the world has been lacking.

London needs a Champion to continually showcase its unique strengths and sectors. The business ecosystem needs to be world leading and world beating. More Fortune 500 companies need to make London their Global Headquarters.

The current Mayor of London forgot he should have Championed London from the front?

London is a great city with so much offer to everyone. It is competing with other cities on many fronts. Needs to be showcased.

- ** I will **Champion London globally** and be a credible partner for business and strengthen its international competitiveness across all sectors.
- ** Take strong **borough-level action** to handle inequality, develop skills and encourage investment.
- ** Urgent steps to **reduce emissions** and increase **focus on sustainability**.
- ** Ensure my levelling up agenda gives London a boost and makes it an **investment destination of choice**.
- ** Invest in Infrastructure to **ensure growth**.

- ** Entrepreneurial spirit will be invigorated and revived, **Startups, Scaleups and SMEs** will be fostered, will make London a leader in **ethical and responsible technology**, USA is currently funding around 60% of Venture rounds.
- ** Ensure UK only funds have the resources, training and expertise to grow the **investment ecosystem**.
- ** **Tourism** needs a refocus.
- ** Commit to **electric vehicles** and steady investment in TfL.
- ** Ensure a sensible approach and support towards **net zero**.
- ** Remove all barriers to ensure London is the **most digitally connected city**.
- ** Invest in people upskilling and ensure London is **attractive for talent**.

As London's champion I will not be afraid to make bold moves to secure our place as the best city in the world.

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