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My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen

Encouraged by family and many friends in the Livery, the City and with the support of the Basketmakers', World Traders' and Pavors' Companies, I offer myself as a candidate for the High Office of Sheriff of the City of London at the Election to be held in Common Hall on Monday 26th June at 12 noon.

Born in Chingford in 1959, I was educated at Chigwell School where my Latin school motto translated as 'find a way or make a way' which has always helped me to overcome obstacles and follow up opportunities in my personal and business life. As a young student with strong ideals to make a better world, I read Economics at Queen Mary College, University of London and then trained with Price Waterhouse, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1985. During the late 1980s and early 1990s I ran my own property development, building and arable farming businesses, as well as restoring ancient woodland and planting 10,000 trees. My passion for learning and excellence led me to study at Cranfield School of Management where I was awarded an MBA.

In 1996, I was one of three founding members of a start-up foreign exchange business, Currencies Direct, where I was able to follow my ideals and develop a strong business ethos of trust and outstanding customer service. This helped the business become a multi-million pound group. We grew internationally in Europe, Africa and Asia, and I lived with my family in Australia for a year setting up the business in the southern hemisphere. We have long-standing Australian friendships and business connections. Today I am a director of the Britain-Australia Society and a past Chairman of the Cook Society and regularly travel to Australia. In 2015 Currencies Direct was taken over and I am pleased to say the group continues to grow and flourish. I now run an investment company and charitable education foundation with my wife Emma.

I served as Alderman for Bishopsgate Ward from 2009-2014 and I have been a member of the City Corporation's Finance, Planning & Transportation and Children's & Community Services Committees, as well as a Governor of the City of London School for Girls and a Trustee of the Bishopsgate Institute. I have travelled extensively on overseas Mayoral visits to China, the Middle East, India, Australia, South Africa and Turkey.

At 21 I became a liveryman of the Basketmakers' Company, served as Prime Warden in 2012-13, and continue as a Trustee of the Company's Charitable Foundation. In addition, I am a Court Assistant of the World Traders' Company, an honorary liveryman of the Pavors' Company and a member of my Past Masters' Association - The Great 13.

I was honoured to follow my father, Graham Redcliffe, and grandfather, 'Bunny' Morgan, not only as Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' but also as President of the City Livery Club in our Centenary year 2013-14. I am Junior Warden of the Guild of Freemen and a Council Member of the Royal Society of St George (City of London Branch). I am also a member of the Development Board of The Charterhouse London. I was President of the Bishopsgate Ward Club in 2013-14; I am also a member of Coleman Street and Tower Ward Clubs. In 2015 Emma and I much enjoyed co-chairing the City of London Red Cross Christmas Market.

Emma and I were married in 1984 and throughout our time together she has been a huge support to me in my work and my City life. Much of her career has been in property and she has spent the last twenty years running our property business and is now about to start a new wellbeing venture. We both enjoy the arts, skiing, yoga, tennis and spending time with our family and granddaughter, Darcey. We have two children, Melissa (29), and Henry (25), both Liverymen of the Basketmakers' Company. Emma is a Liveryman of the Fletchers' Company.

I am passionately interested and active in the Civic and Business City of London and recognise the importance of promoting British businesses at home and abroad, especially at this challenging time of Brexit. If elected, I will use my passion and experience to support the Lord Mayor and the Livery to my utmost ability.

I have the honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Neil Redcliffe'.

Neil Redcliffe JP
Citizen and Basketmaker

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