

## Election of Sheriffs for the City of London

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### To the Liverymen of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured and delighted to have received the support of my friends and colleagues on The Court of Aldermen to present myself as a candidate for election to the ancient office of Sheriff of The City of London.

My outlook has always been international. I grew-up in Dorset by the sea, sailing with my family, endlessly fascinated by the world beyond Weymouth Bay. I am a Life Governor of the RNLI. I attended Bristol Grammar School and then studied at Kings College London, serving two Cabinet Ministers in conjunction with my studies, and as President of the Student Union.

I now live in Greenwich, arguably one of the most recognised points on the globe, straddling the international meridian. I live with two Labradors, Benjy and Brandon, with whom each working day begins with a walk in the park.

I have spent the last 25 years working as a lawyer. My professional expertise encompasses the international wholesale markets, derivatives and financial regulation. But I understand that rules alone don't create integrity. Our Rule of Law - long championed by The City since before Magna Carta and personified by The Old Bailey - is grounded on the fundamental premise that true freedom will only flourish and be protected by necessary limitation. The DNA of both our Livery movement and high civic offices contains a strong tradition of self governance, the maintenance of high standards of regulation and basic human decency.

In March I was named European Regulatory Lawyer of the Year. I have represented the financial services industry in front of numerous national and supra national regulatory authorities over the years including in Hong Kong, Beijing, Paris, London, Sydney and Brussels. Again, my perspective has been engaged and outward looking.

The City of London is one of the two largest financial centres in the world, renowned for its teamwork, partnership and persistence. It has met countless challenges head-on, constantly evolving to remain relevant and successful. Brexit is the very latest in that long line of challenges. John Donne said that 'every man is a piece of the continent'. So is our City. We remain in Europe, and Brexit presents an opportunity for our unique community and ecosystem.

Our civic leaders will have a critical role to play over the coming years in championing and protecting all that we collectively value and share. So, as we gather in Common Hall, surrounded by our rich history to exercise our civic democracy in electing our Sheriffs for the coming year, the ancient must be rooted firmly in the relevant and modern. I was elected Alderman for the Ward of Bassishaw in May 2013 and am a Liveryman of the International Bankers, Solicitors, Pewterers, Firefighters and Paviors Companies and a JP. I have been a longstanding supporter of the work of both Stonewall and The Human Dignity Trust and am a well known advocate for workplace inclusion and equality of opportunity; an interview with John Humphreys prior to the 2005 election on the Today programme gave public voice to work that had begun over a decade previously. I offer my candidacy for the Shrievalty based on that high regard for both the traditional and contemporary - and respectfully ask for your support.

John Donne also famously observed that 'no man is an island'. Which makes me particularly fortunate to have the support of my wing-man Fiona Adler ! She is a past Master, past Sheriff and the current Deputy Chairman of the Lord Mayor's Appeal. We share a passion for our City's rich diversity and the tremendous contribution it makes to our national economic, intellectual and cultural success.

If elected I will strive to uphold the fine traditions of our City, the Mayoralty and the Livery to the very best of my ability. I will seek to champion the importance of continuity, of integrity, of relevance and a rich institutional memory - whilst retaining the flexibility and pragmatism to adapt to a world changing on an unprecedented basis. I intend to meet that challenge head-on. And to remain smiling.

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

Your obedient servant,

Tim Hailes JP



Alderman and International Banker