

## A PLAN FOR A GREENER, MORE AFFORDABLE LONDON

**2024 LONDON GREEN PARTY MINI-MANIFESTO** 



"I love London. From the park in Richmond to the market in Haringey, from theatres in Camden to pubs in Croydon. Our city is incredible - but sadly is just not working for too many people.

Our City desperately needs a new direction. We must address inequality, the housing crisis, and the climate emergency. I have a clear plan to make London fairer and more affordable.

As a councillor, I hear how Londoners need better housing, safer streets and reliable, cheaper transport. I listen to people - and act on what they tell me. I'm also a renter; I know how insecure and unfair it can feel. I have a strong track record of delivering for residents - earning me the trust

of diverse communities. And I'm ready to do so much more.

People deserve to be healthy and have the opportunity to thrive. I've held senior roles in public health, adult social care as well as children's health services in the NHS and managed huge budgets and projects with communities and I've made a difference.

This next term of the Mayor is critical to addressing the climate emergency - we must act now and I know what needs to be done.

Your three Green Assembly members Siân Berry, Caroline Russell and Zack Polanski do brilliant work holding the Mayor of London to account, and I'm so proud to stand alongside them as your Green candidate for Mayor of London. "

### THE PLAN LONDON NEEDS TO THRIVE

London is an incredible international city in so many ways. Just a short walk from my doorstep in Hackney, cultures from all over the world mingle, many from families who came here generations ago to make a home in our welcoming city. Our diversity is our strength.

London desperately needs a Mayor that understands the issues that most Londoners are facing. It needs a Mayor who knows that for this city to work, it has to work for everyone.

That is exactly what a Green Mayor of London can offer. Alongside elected Green Assembly members, a Green Mayor will work to a bold plan that tackles Londoners' biggest concerns. We have a plan for a better London. Greens will cut daily living costs, prioritise safe, affordable housing for all, and reform the police to create a service we can trust to keep us safe.

We know many Londoners have

been affected by the violence in both Israel and Palestine - the Green Party has called for a bilateral ceasefire, release of all hostages and lasting peace. Greens work to ensure the safety of our communities and don't tolerate hate towards anyone.

We also know Londoners are worried about the climate crisis. More than that, they want to know why our elected politicians refuse to do anything to tackle the crisis. Homes are being flooded, water supplies threatened in summer droughts and the cost of food and energy is rising faster than people's wages or benefits.

I want London to take responsibility for its emissions and be a climate leader. We must, and can, do more. Our future depends on it.

I have a plan to make London work for everyone.

There has never been a more important time to vote Green.



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# MINI-MANIFESTO

#### A FAIRER, GREENER LONDON:

We need urgent action on the climate emergency. Greens will act quickly, and put climate at the heart of everything we do. We are the only party who truly understands what action is needed. A Green Mayor will:

- Develop the current climate budget process with a clear timeline and projects to meet 2030 commitments
- Create at least ten major new parks for people to access, children to play in and for nature to thrive, and protect our current green spaces
- Safeguard our tap water and rivers by holding Thames Water to account, cutting water pollution and waste.

### **RIGHT HOMES, RIGHT PRICE:**

London is beyond a housing crisis. Greens stand up for everyone's right to affordable, safe housing. A Green Mayor will:

Expand the council housing programme to 'buy the supply', a Green idea, to help councils to purchase existing family-sized homes from the market and acquire market homes from developers where sales and construction are stalled, by securing grants from the government

- Demand rent control powers for London, and bring in a two-year freeze when we get them. Immediately establish a Rent Commission to set a new downward trajectory for excessive rents.
- Set up a Cold Homes Strategy with an insulation and ventilation taskforce to deal with cold and damp homes, prioritising those most in need such as older people, disabled people, and those with a terminal illness.

### A SAFER CITY:

Londoners deserve to live in a safe and healthy city with a police service we can trust to keep us safe. Greens recognise the institutional discrimination in the Met and the need for urgent, meaningful reform and will:

- Create a police service of the right people with the right skills who respect London's diversity, working to community priorities and a higher level of accountability.
- Prioritise youth work, expanding the Young Londoners' Fund and investing in youth workers
- Fully fund support services for those affected by sexual and domestic violence

### **GETTING AROUND OUR CITY:**

We all want clean air, and quick, affordable ways to get around our city. Our transport system needs to work for everyone. A Green Mayor will:

- Work towards one single, low fare for all public transport journeys in London and immediately freeze bus fares, with free bus travel brought in for under-22s and asylum seekers. Reinstate 24/7 travel for older Londoners.
- Consult on smarter, fairer road pricing and invest in walking and cycling, including repurposing the Silvertown Tunnel

▶ Ensure London's transport system is truly accessible, with more public toilets and step free access so disabled people, older Londoners, and people using pushchairs can get around our city safely and conveniently.

## **CUTTING DAILY LIVING COSTS AND SUPPORTING WORKERS:**

So many Londoners fear being priced out of our city. We believe that everyone deserves the chance to thrive. A Green Mayor will:

- Extend universal free school meals for secondary school children, helping families stretch tight budgets and supporting the city's children to thrive.
- Promise a real Living Wage for London, estimated at £16.14, run pilot schemes for a Universal Basic Income and protect workers' rights and trade unions.
- Support small businesses, making independent trading easier for all of London's sole traders and taking steps to revitalise our high streets by opening up empty council-owned spaces.

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### **CELEBRATING LONDON'S CULTURE:**

Greens will work to put culture on everyone's doorsteps. A Green Mayor will:

- ▶ Support smaller, local venues and events to survive, and implement a Big Venues Levy to redistribute funding away from the big venues that are already thriving, and towards the small venues that need every penny to survive.
- ▶ Celebrate and support all London's diverse communities

### **GIVING YOU MORE POWER:**

People need more control over their lives, homes, and neighbourhoods. Greens want communities to have more say, opening decisions up to everyone. A Green Mayor will:

- ▶ Share power, giving Londoners more of a say over how the Mayor's budget is spent, ensuring decisions are made by the communities they affect, and supporting community groups
- ▶ Push for more powers for London from the national government, to set our own policies on housing, transport, health and more.

### **YOU HAVE THREE VOTES** IN THIS ELECTION

Vote 1: Mayor of London Vote 2: Constituency Assembly Member, to represent your local area Vote 3: London wide Assembly Members - vote for the political party you want to get Assembly Members elected proportionally to reflect your views.

Your Green London wide Assembly Members Siân Berry, Caroline Russell and Zack Polanski have a track record of success for London on a range of issues. A Green vote here will keep your elected Greens, and add more.

### **YOUR GREEN PARTY** LONDON WIDE ASSEMBLY **CANDIDATES**









Caroline

Russell AM







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YOUR GREEN CONSTITUENCY **CANDIDATES** 









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