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### Dame Fiona Woolf to retire as Alderman for Candlewick Ward



On 11 May 2018, Dame Fiona Woolf announced her intention to retire as the Alderman for Candlewick Ward. She will remain in office until her successor has been elected. Dame Fiona was elected in 2007.

She was Sheriff of the City of London in 2010-11 and then the 686th Lord Mayor in 2013-14. Dame Fiona has been an outstanding Alderman for the Ward working tirelessly for Candlewick and the City, encouraging the highest level of standards and governance and actively promoting diversity. She was awarded a DBE (Dame Commander of the most excellent order of the British Empire) in the 2015 New Year Honours for services to the Legal Profession, Diversity and the City of London.

Dame Fiona was a highly effective and successful Lord Mayor where her key theme was that of diversity, a cause that she has continued to champion since retiring as Lord Mayor. She has constantly promoted the business case for diversity and inclusion and her "Power of Diversity" programme will ensure a lasting legacy in this area. The programme supported by over 50 City businesses highlighted the critical steps that the City must take to maximise the energy and innovation that diversity can bring to business.

Dame Fiona's passion and dedication have also been unfailing in respect of her commitment to ensuring sustainability within the financial services sector, with her "Tomorrow's City" programme promoting collaboration to enhance the opportunities for long-term value creation offered by the need for infrastructure and sustainable urban development.

Dame Fiona has been a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London since April 2016. Her other appointments include being Senior Adviser with London Economics International LLP, a member of the Council of The London Regiment of the Territorial Army and Trustee of the Science Museum Group. She was Master of the Worshipful Company of Solicitors for 2015/16.

Dame Fiona has been a collegiate and supportive colleague to both James and myself and we have thoroughly enjoyed working with her. Her charm and wry sense of humour ensured that everything we did was fun and her passion and love for Candlewick Ward was always evident. She always calls it the

"perfectly formed Ward", which of course it is. In thanking her for eleven years outstanding service, we wish her and her husband Nicholas, on behalf of everyone in Candlewick Ward, every happiness, health and success in the future.

### James de Sausmarez ideal to succeed Dame Fiona



It is with the greatest pleasure that I am proposing my fellow Common Councilman, James de Sausmarez, to succeed Dame Fiona Woolf as the Alderman for Candlewick Ward.

Candlewick Ward needs an Alderman who has the experience to do the job, who understands the City Corporation, understands the City and how it works, cares about both the businesses and the people in the City, understands the issues that matter to Candlewick and who has the gravitas and personal charisma at Guildhall and in the wider City to make a difference for Candlewick and the City of London. Like Dame Fiona, he also shares a passion for promoting diversity.

I have been a Common Councilman for 34 years and I can see in James all the personal and professional qualities needed to be a successful Alderman. He is a man of integrity, a successful Investment Management professional and someone who wants to make the City better for everyone. Since being elected as a Common Councilman, he has worked incredibly hard for Candlewick Ward improving communication with you the electors through his excellent newsletters and also picking up on the key issues impacting the Ward such as the Bank station development, the Bank on Safety scheme, numerous traffic issues and the City broadband rollout.

I believe James is the right person to be the next Alderman of Candlewick Ward. I commend him to you and urge you to join me in voting for him in the election.

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