

**Monday, 24th June 2019**

Election of Sheriffs for the City of London

## **Candidature of Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli**

### **To the Liverymen of the City of London**

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My colleagues on the Court of Aldermen support my nomination as a candidate for the ancient office of Sheriff of the City of London for 2019/20. Therefore, with a sense of honour and enthusiasm, I offer myself to the Livery at the election to be held at **Common Hall in Guildhall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 12 noon**. If a poll is demanded, may I ask for your further support by voting in my favour at a ballot on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**, also at **Guildhall**.



I was born in the USA, and educated at Harvard University, Trinity College Dublin, and the London School of Economics where I was also a Visiting Professor. I began my career in scientific research in aerospace and cartography in the USA and Switzerland, creating the first digital maps of the world.

I entered the City of London in 1984 ahead of Big Bang, becoming a partner in 1987 with BDO Binder Hamlyn, and in 1995 a Director of Ministry of Defence research. During a mergers & acquisitions spell in merchant banking with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, I co-founded Z/Yen, the City of London's leading think-tank, promoting societal advance through better finance and technology. We are perhaps best known for the Global Financial Centres Index, Global Green Finance Index, and Long Finance.

I am proud to serve as Alderman for Broad Street since 2013; President of Broad Street Ward Club; Trustee of the Lord Mayor's Appeal, Lord Mayor's Show, Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust, Christ's Hospital, and Morden College; non-executive director of the United Kingdom Accreditation Service; Emeritus Professor of Gresham College and Fellow of Goodenough College; and Council Member for City & Guilds.

I am a passionate supporter of the Livery as Immediate Past Master of the World Traders, Honorary Liveryman of the Worshipful Companies of Furniture Makers, Water Conservators, and Marketors, Craft-Owning Freeman of the Watermen & Lightermen, and member of the City Livery Club and Guild of Freeman.

My wife, Elisabeth, is from Bavaria. Elisabeth trained in hotel management and has worked in Germany and London, where she became a personal assistant to the managing partner of a large accountancy firm. We married in 1996 and have three children. She continues to work at her events company, and is a director of a property management company. Elisabeth is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Masons and a Freeman *Honoris Causa* of the World Traders.

My interests include skiing, woodcarving, dicing with bagpipes, racing sailboats, and dabbling in German, Italian, and French, but even worse Mandarin. As former Thames barge owners restoring S B Lady Daphne, we retain deep links with the sailing barge community and the venerable Thames Match (1863).

Change is a City constant. I want to work to continue to keep the City pre-eminent as the world's leading professional, business, legal, technical, and financial services centre, championing the three C's of Commerce, Community, and Charity. If elected I will do my utmost to uphold the noble traditions of the Shrieval office. It would be a privilege to use my experience to support the Lord Mayor's and City of London Corporation's programmes promoting the City and the UK in all their aspects.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Mainelli". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Professor Michael Mainelli FCCA FCSI (Hon) FBCS CITP FIC CMC MEI**

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