



## **ELECTION OF SHERIFFS FOR THE CITY OF LONDON - FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

### **CANDIDATURE OF ALDERMAN ALASTAIR KING DL**

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

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen

My colleagues on the Court of Aldermen graciously support my nomination as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the City of London for 2022/23. I humbly offer myself to the Livery at the election to be held at noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Common Hall.

A proud Anglo-Scot, my late father was an academic at the University of Cambridge; my mother is an Aberdonian artist. My childhood was spent between Cambridgeshire and Aberdeenshire. I was educated at Oundle School in Northamptonshire – a school long associated with the Worshipful Company of Grocers. My tertiary education was at the University of Kent, University of Bristol, the College of Law in London and the London Business School. I qualified as a Solicitor in the City of London in 1995 and practiced in the City and Asia before joining a venture capital company in 1999. I co-founded a successful buy-out firm in 2002, before founding my own fund management firm in 2006. I also founded a London Stock Exchange-quoted infrastructure fund.

The Livery movement has been close to my heart since I was accepted as an Apprentice in the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths (my Mother Company) aged 14. I am now the immediate Past Prime Warden of my Mother Company and am proud to serve on the Courts of the Worshipful Companies of Masons, Broderers, Painter-Stainers and Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers. I am also closely involved with the Worshipful Companies of Horners, Arbitrators and Feltmakers of London, as well as being the Sponsoring Alderman of the Company of Entrepreneurs.

A long-term resident in the Ward of Queenhithe in the City of London since 1991, I was elected to the Court of Common Council in 1999 and have represented the Ward continuously since then – becoming deputy in 2006 before being elected Alderman. I am President of Queenhithe Ward Club.

My charitable involvement includes serving as Vice Chair of the British Liver Trust, Breast Cancer Haven and Chair of Common Earth. I am also Treasurer of the established City charity, the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, and Chairman of the Investment Committee of Morden College. It is my pleasure to serve as Chair of the Institute of Directors London Region. I am a member of the Young Presidents' Organisation (YPO) and the Chief Executives Organisation (CEO), as well as serving as Secretary of the UK Parliament's All Party Parliamentary Group on Sovereign Wealth Funds. It was a particular honour recently to be commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

My Aldermanic Consort is Corinne Lee. Corinne is a long-standing colleague and director at my fund management firm. She was previously at Tulletts and Kleinwort Benson in the US Government bond division and has also run her own business. She is Vice-Chairman of Queenhithe Ward Club and in November 2019 was Co-Chair with me of the successful British Red Cross Christmas Market at Guildhall. Corinne has recently been accepted as a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers. The support that I receive from Corinne is immense.

My recreations are hill walking with my two Italian Greyhounds and boxing. I have a strong network of senior City contacts as well as business and political contacts around the world. So much of our reputation as a centre of finance and trade is based upon the foundation of English Law. I thus look forward to working at the Old Bailey with the Recorder and Judges to help to promote it. It would be an enormous privilege to represent the interests of our great City and the Lord Mayor in the historic office of Sheriff.

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

Alastair King DL  
Alderman and Blacksmith