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Dear Andrew,

## **London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 7 March 2024 – Motions**

Thank you for your letter about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 7 March 2024. My reply to motion 3.3 is below.

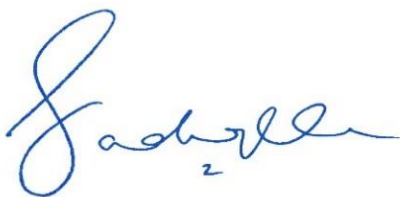
### **Motion 3.3 – National Renters Manifesto**

I welcome the publication of the National Renters Manifesto, which echoes much of my London Model and sets out the transformational change required in the private rental sector to ensure all renters can access a decent, affordable, secure home. Although I do not have any devolved powers over private renting, I have taken steps to help stamp out illegal evictions and introduced tools and checkers to enable Londoners to hold their private landlords to account. I am also pleased to have supported public investment in housebuilding by delivering record-breaking numbers of affordable homes through my 2016-23 Affordable Homes Programme and have supported councils to return to levels of council housebuilding not seen since the 1970s.

I am further supporting renters by delivering 6,000 Rent Control homes. In addition, property licensing is one of the most valuable tools councils have to regulate and target their enforcement activity. I continue to support boroughs and lobby the Government to make it easier and reduce the burden on councils that wish to implement larger selective licensing schemes.

The Assembly was right to call on the previous Government to progress the Renters (Reform) Bill and remove Section 21 'no fault' eviction at the earliest opportunity to protect renters from unfair evictions. Before the dissolution of Parliament, I had consistently lobbied the Government to urgently introduce these vital reforms. It is disappointing that the previous Government failed to deliver their 2019 manifesto commitment to pass this legislation. I would welcome the opportunity to work with the new Government to deliver a Renters (Reform) Bill that genuinely makes the private rented sector fairer for renters, including introducing stronger protections.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**

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