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(Sent by email: Rory.McKenna@london.gov.uk)

Date: 21 October 2024

Dear Rory,

I am writing to raise a formal complaint about a potential breach of the GLA's Gifts and Hospitality Policy and Procedure by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

On 15 August 2024, Sadiq Khan was gifted six tickets to a Taylor Swift concert at Wembley Stadium, initially declared to be donated by the English Football Association, at an estimated value of £194 x 6.

The GLA's Gifts and Hospitality Policy and Procedure states: *"Within 28 days of receiving gift(s) and/or hospitality in connection with your official duties with a value of £50 or more, you must register those items with the Monitoring Officer."*

A declaration of the gifted tickets to Sadiq Khan from 15 August 2024 should, therefore, have been registered with the Monitoring Officer by 12 September 2024.

It is my understanding that Sadiq Khan did not register a declaration for the gifted tickets until 22 September 2024, thereby contravening the GLA's Gifts and Hospitality Policy and Procedure.

It is now being reported by the BBC that the Mayor's declaration significantly under-stated the value of the tickets, which were £3,000 not £1,164, and contained wrong information about who had donated

them. Furthermore, the tickets for the August concert were reportedly paid for by a company who have previously worked on events with City Hall.

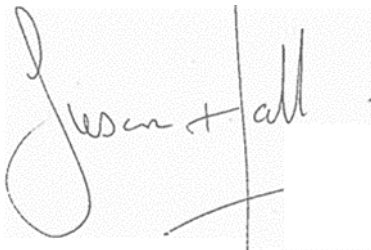
As Monitoring Officer, please can you confirm the following:

1. When did Sadiq Khan register a declaration for the 15 August 2024 concert tickets?
2. Is there any reason why a technical or system fault could have *legitimately* prevented a timely declaration, within the parameters of GLA's Gifts and Hospitality Policy and Procedure?
3. If there was no legitimate reason preventing Sadiq Khan from registering a declaration for the 15 August 2024 concerts tickets before the deadline lapsed, what steps will you be taking to ensure this potential contravention of the GLA's Gifts and Hospitality Policy and Procedure is appropriately addressed?
4. What changes have been made to this declaration since it was initially made, and what explanation was offered for making those changes?
5. Can you clarify the GLA rules regarding the receipt and declaration of hospitality donations from external suppliers and contractors for the Mayor of London and staff?

Considering the public interest in this matter, I'd appreciate it if you could expedite an investigation into this affair.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Hall', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Susan Hall AM

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