

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Len,

Thank you for your letter regarding the motions agreed at the London Assembly Plenary meeting on 13 November 2025. My response to Motion 3.5 is set out below.

## **Motion 3.5 – Modernising Elections**


Like you, I welcome the Government's plans to remove barriers to democratic participation and give young people a greater say in their future. I have been calling for these changes since my time in Parliament, and I believe they are long overdue. I would be happy to co-sign a letter with you, as the Chair of the London Assembly, urging the Secretary of State for Local Government to ensure these changes are in place for the 2028 Mayoral and Assembly elections in London.

Civic and democratic participation are vital to social cohesion and central to the Greater London Authority's (GLA) work to promote social development in our city. In line with its powers and working alongside statutory bodies, the GLA raises awareness of civic and democratic rights, including changes to the voting system and other democratic reforms.

As you know, the GLA's Civic and Democratic Participation programme is strictly impartial in its design, delivery and communications. It is not linked to me or any elected official. Decisions and budget allocation for this programme remain with Tunde Olayinka, the Executive Director for Communities and Skills, who serves as the Senior Responsible Officer for the programme.

Thank you again for your and the Assembly's continued commitment to strengthening democracy in London.

Yours sincerely,



**Sir Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London