

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Chairman Arbour,

I am writing in response to your letter of 6 November about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 1 November. I am sorry for the delay in replying. My reply to each motion is set out below:

Motion 1 – Royal British Legion's "Thank You" campaign

I am fully in support of and join with you in the motion to support the Royal British Legion's 'Thank You' movement, as well as the 'Every One Remembered' initiative. As you know, on 9 November, to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, I launched the 'London Remembrance Gallery' with you in your capacity as chair of the London Assembly. The gallery marks the centenary and pays tribute to all those killed in conflict.

Until February, members of the public can come and view a temporary art installation, 'Poppy Cloud'. It features 48,000 poppies draped above the viewing gallery to remember those who lost their lives. The new gallery will also feature two permanent plaques – one an excerpt of the poem "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon. With the Museum of London's support, we are also hosting an exhibition featuring stories of people affected by war across London on the second floor. The exhibition includes a screen wall showing short films, showcasing tales of the war effort at home, war abroad, and social welfare.

My team is liaising with the Royal British Legion and other relevant organisations to renew the Armed Forces Covenant. We are also working closely with Len Duvall AM to ensure that veterans have a voice at City Hall.

Motion 2 – Diwali

As Mayor of this great city, I am proud to host and support events like 'Diwali in the Square' which celebrate the contribution of London's Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities. This festival of lights encourages us to reflect on the past year together and promotes peace and mutual respect – values which are part of the fabric of London.

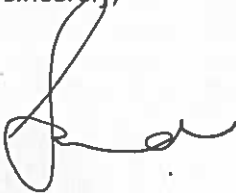
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I was delighted to visit a number of Hindu temples for Diwali this year and join in with their celebrations, to thank the Hindu community for all that they do for our city.

I have made it clear that 'London is Open' to everyone, including our wonderful Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities who are part of the wonderful diversity of this city we call home.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', written in a cursive style.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London