

## **FOI request to the Greater London Authority submitted on 9 May 2016**

**#0338**

*Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:*

- *A list of those who were present on-stage as Sadiq Khan was sworn in (they look like they were religious leaders, and were sitting behind him as he signed the book)*
- *Details of how they were selected*
- *Details of how the ceremony was arranged: whose idea was the location, guest list, etc. etc.*

### **The Greater London Authority's response sent 23 May 2016**

The Mayor requested that the signing-in ceremony was held at Southwark cathedral to demonstrate his commitment to lead a transparent, engaged and accessible administration and to represent all of London's communities.

The guests who sat around the Mayor represent a broad representation of London's communities. They include The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Rabbi Mark Goldsmith, Sarah Joseph OBE, Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon, Bonnie Greer OBE, Imam Ahmed Babikir, and Lieutenant John Clifton, Salvation Army. Other people on the stage were invited there on the day from the audience.

Invitations to the ceremony were sent by email following the announcement of the Mayor very early on Saturday morning. They were sent to a broad range of London's community groups, faith groups and stakeholders along with the heads of the GLA group, the newly appointed members of the London Assembly, and the leaders, ceremonial mayors and chief executives of the London boroughs. Family and friends of the Mayor were also invited.