

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA200421-1031

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 19 April 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

I would like to know if the current night czar is still employed and being paid by your office during the pandemic considering that all nightlife has ceased in the past year.

Our response to your request is as follows:

The Night Czar, Amy Lamé, is currently employed by the Greater London Authority.

The role of the Night Czar is to champion London at night and implement the Mayor's vision for a 24hr city. London takes a holistic approach to supporting life from 6pm to 6am. This means that nightlife, while a vital part of life at night, is just one part of the role of Night Czar. Amy works across a number of policy areas, including transport, planning, policing & safety and regeneration, and works with a number of stakeholders, including night time industries, local authorities, the Metropolitan Police, Transport for London and the public.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Night Czar has:

- Alongside the Mayor, launched the £2.3m Culture at Risk Business Support Fund, which supported some of the most at risk nightlife venues, including grassroots music and LGBTQ+ venues
- Held 14 virtual events with industry representatives, focusing on immediate impact of the pandemic, reopening, recovery planning and reopening. These events helped inform City Hall's response to the pandemic and our lobbying of central government
- Brought together central government and Public Health England to look at what measures need to be in place to safely reopen nightclubs
- With the Mayor, wrote to government on multiple occasions calling for sector specific support for night time and hospitality venues that were unable to operate viably during the pandemic

- Created the multi-agency pan-London High Street Reopening Task and Finish and High Street Reopening Coordination Groups, responding to an urgent need for a joined up approach to reopening

The Night Czar is also working with all of London's local authorities to help them develop their own Night Time Strategies, creating sustainable recovery plans that could lead to long term solutions for how their areas work at night.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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