

GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA121119-6858

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 12 November 2019 requesting copies of letters of condolence following the “bombings of churches in Egypt, Nigeria and Sri Lanka.”

The Mayor’s response to terrorist attacks overseas are not always conveyed via letters of condolence. The Mayor may convey messages of support, solidarity and condolence via social media, telephone calls, speeches, in public or private meetings with community and other stakeholder leaders, by attending events and vigils, and/or signing books of condolence.

Since his election in May 2016, the Mayor has responded publicly to terrorist attacks overseas in the following ways:

1. Sent a message of condolence via social media following the death of the Mayor of Mogadishu in a terrorist attack in August 2019
2. Sent a message of condolence via social media and visited the High Commission of Sri Lanka to sign the official book of condolence, following the Easter Sunday terrorist attack in April 2019
3. Sent a message of condolence via social media, wrote to the Mayor of Christchurch and Prime Minister of New Zealand, and signed the official book of condolence at the High Commission of New Zealand, following the terrorist attack in Christchurch in March 2019
4. Wrote to the Mayor of Strasbourg following a terrorist attack on the city’s Christmas market in December 2018
5. Joined the Mayor of Paris in November 2018 at the city’s official events commemorating the Bataclan Theatre terrorist attack in 2015
6. Sent a message of condolence via social media, attended a vigil in London, and wrote to the Mayor of Pittsburgh, following the terrorist attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in October 2018
7. Sent a message of condolence via social media following the terrorist attacks in Trèbes and Carcassonne in March 2018

8. Sent a message of condolence via social media and wrote to the Mayor of New York following a terrorist attack in Manhattan in November 2017
9. Sent a message of condolence via social media following a terrorist attack at the al-Rawda mosque in Egypt in November 2017
10. Sent a message of condolence via social media and wrote to the Mayor of Las Vegas following a terrorist attack during the Route 91 Harvest music festival in October 2017
11. Sent a message of condolence via social media and wrote to the Mayor of Mogadishu following a terrorist attack in October 2017
12. Sent a message of condolence via social media and wrote to the Mayor of Barcelona following a terrorist attack in August 2017
13. Sent a message of condolence via social media following a terrorist attack in Stockholm in April 2017
14. Sent a message of condolence via social media following a terrorist attack on the Reina Nightclub in Istanbul in January 2017
15. Sent a message of condolence via social media and wrote to the Mayor of Berlin following a terrorist attack in December 2016
16. Wrote to the High Commissioner of Pakistan following a terrorist attack in Quetta, Pakistan, in August 2016
17. Sent a message of condolence via social media and wrote to the Mayor of Nice following a terrorist attack in July 2016
18. Wrote to the Ambassador of Turkey following a terrorist attack in Istanbul in June 2016
19. Sent a message of condolence via social media, wrote to the Mayor of Orlando, attended a vigil in Soho, and signed the official book of condolence at the US Embassy in London, following a terrorist attack on the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando in June 2016

Please note the Mayor also responds to non-terrorism related emergencies and incidents overseas, such as mass shootings and natural disasters.

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Yours sincerely


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