

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: MGLA020921-2029

25 October 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 1 September 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please accept my apologies for the late response.

You requested:

Can you release correspondence between the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and the US Mayors of New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco & Washington D.C.

Can you release correspondence between the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and US Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden.

The date of the request starts from May 2016 to present day.

Our response is as follows:

I can confirm that the GLA holds information within the scope of your request.

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request, which relates to the first part of your request only. We did not locate correspondence between the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and US Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden.

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If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA020921-2029.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

May 9, 2016

The Honorable Sadiq Khan
London City Hall
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA
United Kingdom

Dear Mayor-Elect Khan:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations on your election as Mayor of London. Your election symbolizes an important and significant milestone.

Our city shares a close friendship and partnership with the City of London, and I know our relationship will only improve during your term in office. Like Chicago, London is an epitome of a global city, one that sits at the forefront of the greatest challenges of today. With your vision and values, I am confident your leadership will result in success and will strengthen ties between our two cities.

I would like to welcome you to Chicago this June for a roundtable of Mayors who lead global cities to be held at the second Chicago Forum on Global Cities on June 1, 2016 hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the *Financial Times*. We each have much to share regarding the increasingly important role our cities play in global affairs. We will discuss the power and limitations of global cities and their capacity to address global challenges such as security, inequality, climate change, cybercrime, education, integration, and resilience. This roundtable serves as an opportunity to exchange information about various municipal networks, impacts we aspire to achieve, challenges we confront, and how our cities will continue to play global leadership roles while ensuring local needs are met. For questions about the forum, please contact [REDACTED] in my office at [REDACTED]@cityofchicago.org or [REDACTED]

I look forward to strengthening the deep ties between Chicago and London during your term as Mayor. Please accept my sincerest regards and best wishes for much success and a productive term in office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".
Mayor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

September 23, 2016

04 OCT 2016

The Right Honorable Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
SE1 2AA London
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Dear Mayor Khan,

It was wonderful of you to visit Chicago so that we could build a relationship as global city mayors. I am writing to invite you to return to Chicago next summer to attend a private roundtable I will be hosting exclusively for mayors of leading global cities. You would be an integral part of the conversation on "Financing the Global City". We will meet on **Wednesday, June 7, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Center of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs at One Prudential Plaza, 130 East Randolph Street**, for the Roundtable of Mayors in Chicago.

The role cities have played on an international stage demonstrates how our cities are assuming greater global responsibilities beyond their local ones. This roundtable serves as an opportunity to exchange ideas and best known practices about various financial networks, impacts we aspire to achieve, challenges we confront, and how our cities will continue to play global leadership roles while ensuring local needs are met.

This roundtable will take place in conjunction with the annual Chicago Forum on Global Cities hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the *Financial Times*. Leaders in business, education, civics, and the arts from around the world will converge in Chicago on June 7-9, 2017 for a cross-sector dialogue on how global cities will shape our future. I hope you will also consider attending sessions of the Chicago Forum on Global Cities. An invitation will be forthcoming.

I look forward to an important and substantive discussion next June and hope to see you again in Chicago. Please have your office RSVP to Matt Abbott, director of government and diplomatic programs, at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs at [REDACTED]@thechicagocouncil.org or [REDACTED]. He can address any questions you have about the meeting, agenda, and travel. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rahm Emanuel
City of Chicago

MAYOR OF LONDON

Dear Rahm,

I wanted to say thank you for all the time you personally gave me whilst I was in your great city. I know how busy you must be so I really do appreciate you giving my visit so much attention.

I found the trip fascinating & inspiring - I'm sure we can learn a lot from each other as we contend with the issues facing our cities.

Please do thank all your team who I know put a huge effort into making my time in Chicago so great.

I hope to see you in London soon

Best wishes

Sadiq

MAYOR OF LONDON

Rahm Emanuel

Mayor of Chicago

C/o [REDACTED]@cityofchicago.org

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Date: 06 DEC 2016

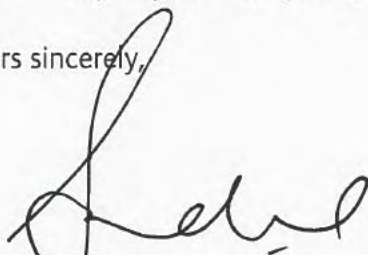
Rahm,

Thank you for your letter of 23 September inviting me to attend a private roundtable on the subject of "Financing the Global City" in Chicago on 7 June 2017.

I am so sorry but, much as I would like to revisit your great city, I regret I am unlikely to be able to travel to the US again by June.

Please accept my sincere apologies and best wishes for a successful meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Mayor of Chicago

C/o [REDACTED]@cityofchicago.org

Our ref: MGLA231216-7123

Date: 14 FEB 2017

Mayor Anne Hidalgo

Mayor of Paris

C/o [REDACTED]@paris.fr

Dear Rahm & Anne,

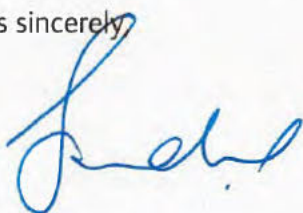
Thank you for your letter and kind invitation to attend a Mayoral roundtable on urban waterway projects at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs on 13 March.

I am so sorry but, whilst I am extremely grateful for the invitation, I am afraid my diary on that day is already full with commitments in London which mean I am unable to travel to Chicago.

Please accept my apologies and best wishes for a most successful event.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Rahm Emanuel
Mayor of Chicago

Date: 11 April 2017

Dear Rahm

Invitation to join the World Cities Culture Forum Network in 2017

I'm writing to you to invite Chicago to join the World Cities Culture Forum – the world's premier global leadership network for culture.

The World Cities Culture Forum is made up of cities that demonstrate global leadership on culture. Its members – senior leaders from city governments – are some of the most informed and influential cultural officials in the world. They know that culture is a vital part of urban policy, driving a city's reputation, economic prosperity and quality of life.

Founded in 2012 by London, New York, Shanghai, Tokyo, Sydney and Istanbul, the Forum has grown to include 33 member cities in Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, and North & South America. By sharing knowledge, expertise and collaborating with each other, the Forum helps members to make culture a leading force in their cities.

At the heart of the Forum's activity is the annual Summit. Last year, member cities met in Moscow for three days of inspired discussion, sharing challenges and new ideas. Previous gatherings have taken place in London, Shanghai, Amsterdam, Istanbul and Buenos Aires.

All members are invited to the summit which will be hosted by Seoul, South Korea, from 1 to 3 November 2017.

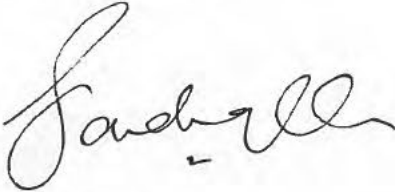
Evidence is essential if we are to make the case for culture. So our work is underpinned by an extensive research programme and online presence. This year we will produce the first comparative statistical study on how culture is financed in world cities, as well as two publications focusing on issues of urgent importance to our members – 'Culture and sustainability' and 'Making space for culture'.

MAYOR OF LONDON

If your office would like further information about the Forum or the Summit, please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in my Culture Team, by email at [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk).

Finally, I am sorry once again that I was unable to join you in Chicago last month for the Urban Waterways Forum but I nonetheless hope the event was a great success.

With best wishes,

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Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Rahm Emanuel

City Hall
121 N. La Salle, Room 507
Chicago
IL 60602
United States of America

Date: 03 APR 2018

Dear Rahm,

I would like to renew my invitation to Chicago to join the World Cities Culture Forum in 2018.

The Forum is an influential leadership body, shaping the future of culture in world cities. As Mayor of London, I have made culture a top priority because I believe it is the golden thread for a global city; culture builds our identity, grows jobs and the economy, attracts tourism and brings citizens and communities together. The Forum now has 35 member cities including New York, Tokyo, Paris, Los Angeles and Hong Kong.

Chicago is a global leader in defining and shaping public policy, especially in the field of public art and culture-led urban regeneration. The Forum is an opportunity to showcase on a global platform innovative Chicagoan cultural projects such as the 'Floating Museum' and those funded by your 'IncentOvate Program'.

At the heart of the Forum's activity is the annual Summit attended by Deputy Mayors for Culture and Heads of Culture from our member cities.

In 2018, the World Cities Culture Summit will take place in San Francisco, from 14 to 16 November 2018, where we will discuss the opportunities technological innovation offers culture in world cities, a theme which, I trust you will feel is relevant to your city.

The Forum produces the *World Cities Culture Report* the most comprehensive data comparison across all member cities with over 70 cultural indicators covering everything from measures of creative industries employment, to attendance at film, theatres and festivals, and even numbers of library books loaned. The report promotes each member city internationally and previous reports have been translated into seven languages. In 2018, a new edition of the World Cities Culture Report will be published and if you join the Forum it will be a chance to highlight Chicago's cultural leadership with initiatives such as '50x50 Neighborhood Arts Project' and the 'Chicago Public Art Plan'.

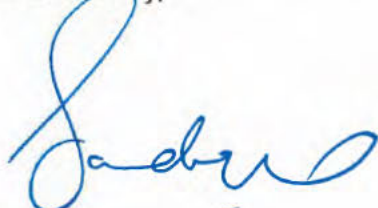
I hope that Chicago will join the World Cities Culture Forum in 2018, and bring your perspective to this growing alliance.

MAYOR OF LONDON

My Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries Justine Simons OBE, is the Chair of the Forum and would be happy to speak to her counterpart in your administration to discuss any queries you may have.

If your office would like to have further information about the Forum, please contact [REDACTED],
World Cities Culture Forum [REDACTED] by email at: [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

March 4, 2019

The Honorable Sadiq Khan
Mayor
City of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
SE1 2AA London, UK

Dear Mayor Khan,

We are writing to invite you to join us in Chicago on **Wednesday, June 5, 2019, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.** to participate in a private roundtable with progressive city mayors from around the world. With the increasing prominence and demands on cities on the world stage, we would like to discuss effective strategies for collectively influencing global agendas, identify opportunities for meaningful coordination across city networks, and what it means to define a collective voice. The roundtable will be off-the-record and hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

This meeting will be convened prior to the opening of the annual Pritzker Forum on Global Cities, hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the *Financial Times*, from June 5-7, 2019. The forum brings together leaders from around the world for a dialogue on how global cities are shaping economic, social, and cultural policies.

Should your schedule allow, you are also invited to participate in all forum activities taking place from June 5-7, including the opening dinner, private workshops, and dinners hosted by Council board members. The 2019 forum, focused on "Big Plans, Bold Solutions," will address cities shaping global agendas, migration policy, mobility as a service, the rising cost of living, the impact of culture, security, and nature in cities, among other themes. You can learn more about the forum at globalcitiesforum.org.

I hope you will join us in Chicago in June. Please have your office RSVP to Vanessa Vardon, director of the Pritzker forum, at [REDACTED]@thechicagocouncil.org or [REDACTED]. She can address any questions you have about the roundtable and overall forum agenda.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel
City of Chicago

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Mayor Marvin Rees
City of Bristol

Follow up to invitation to Chicago's Pritzker Forum on Global Cities

Mayor Emanuel ([REDACTED]@cityofchicago.org)

To: Mayor (mayor@london.gov.uk)

Cc: [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@london.gov.uk) ; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@london.gov.uk) ; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@cityofchicago.org)

Attachments:  [Pritzker Forum on Global Cities Invitation - Hon. Sadiq Khan.pdf](#)  [Letter of Invitation to Hon. Sadiq Khan.pdf](#)

Sadiq,

It was great catching up with you in London last month. I'm reaching out to emphasize on invitation that was sent to you from the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the *Financial Times* to join myself and other mayors for the Pritzker Forum on Global Cities taking place in Chicago June 5-7th. You were invited to join the opening night panel on the role of cities in influencing global governance which will build upon the conversation we will have immediately prior at the annual Mayors' Roundtable I am hosting with Mayor Marvin Rees of Bristol.

Although my term will have ended a few weeks before the forum, elevating cities in an international dialogue will continue to be a top priority for me. I hope you will join us in Chicago.

Best,
Rahm

MAYOR OF LONDON

Lori Lightfoot

Chicago Mayor-Elect

[\[REDACTED\]@cityofchicago.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@cityofchicago.org)

Date: 17 APR 2019

Dear Ms Lightfoot,

I wanted to send my congratulations on your recent election as the Mayor of Chicago.

London has a close friendship and long-standing partnership with the City of Chicago. There is much that binds our two great cities together – our ever-growing levels of trade and investment, and our shared values of openness and tolerance are just two examples.

Like Chicago, London sits at the forefront of some of the greatest challenges global cities face and I believe there is much that we can learn from each other. I am pleased that over the last few years we have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Chicago and had the pleasure of visiting your city as the first stop of my US trip in 2016.

I am very keen for this cooperation to continue. I am confident your leadership will give fresh momentum to strengthening the ties between our cities and should your diary allow, I hope to welcome you to London soon.

If my team or I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office directly through [REDACTED] in my International Relations team at [REDACTED] london.gov.uk or on: +44 [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

August 9, 2019

The Honorable Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA
United Kingdom

Dear Mayor Khan:

I would like to thank you for your kind words of encouragement. It is my great pleasure and honor to serve the City of Chicago as Mayor.

I look forward to working with you and learning from you throughout my time in office. Please let me know if you make plans to travel to Chicago in the future, as it would be a pleasure to meet with you to discuss the various opportunities for collaboration between us.

Again, I thank you for your kind words and encouragement. It is wonderful to know that I have your support.

Sincerely,


Mayor

MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot

C/o [REDACTED] [@cityofchicago.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@cityofchicago.org)

Date: 5 October 2020

Dear Mayor Lightfoot,

I wanted to thank you for joining me at the Recovery Summit panel on inclusive societies for what I found to be an inspiring and important discussion.

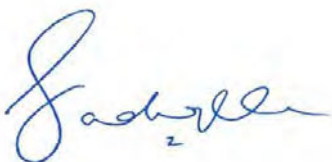
As we continue to face the devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the multitude of challenges which lie ahead for all of us, it is more critical than ever that we use our recovery efforts – whether at the city, national or international level – to ensure that we are rebuilding more inclusive, equal and just societies.

Building more inclusive societies is clearly a priority for Chicago as it also is for London, where I am committed to ensuring that the capital's recovery from COVID-19 is not a return to business as usual and that no one is left behind. We are always keen to collaborate and share experiences whenever this may be helpful.

If my office can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us. In the first instance, your office can contact [REDACTED] International Relations, at [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk).

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere condolences to all Chicagoans who have lost friends, family members and loved ones during this terrible pandemic.

Best wishes,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Lori Lightfoot
Mayor of Chicago

Date: 11 February 2021

Dear Mayor Lightfoot,

Invitation to join the World Cities Culture Forum in 2021

I am writing to invite Chicago to join the World Cities Culture Forum, the leading global network of the world's major creative cities.

Chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, it supports dynamic government leadership. It brings together influential city leaders, who are shaping the future of culture in 40 world cities including, Los Angeles, New York, Paris, Sao Paulo and Tokyo. Together they champion culture as an essential driver for the social and economic success of cities.

As Mayor of London, I have made culture a top priority because I believe it has the power to improve lives, shape the identity of our city and bring citizens and communities together.

As a leading cultural capital, Chicago would be a vital addition to the network, offering your unique perspective and sharing innovative policies to shape this growing alliance of world cities.

In this exceptional time, the World Cities Culture Forum has provided global leadership on the vital role that culture can play in our recovery from COVID-19. Since March 2020, the Forum has developed a regular programme of digital debates, gathering intelligence and working together to address the many common challenges we face. We have shared funding and support measures, reopening plans, new economic data, accelerated public realm improvements and public confidence campaigns.

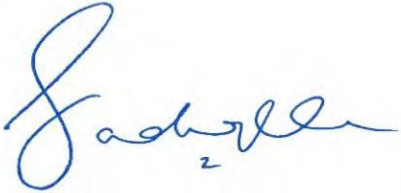
At the heart of the Forum's activity is the annual Summit, attended by Deputy Mayors for Culture and Heads of Culture from our member cities. This year's theme, 'the Future of Culture', has never been more urgent. As we emerge from this crisis, we are faced with many devastating challenges, but also the opportunity to reimagine culture and its role in our cities.

As a member, you will also be part of the World Cities Culture Report, the most comprehensive global dataset on culture in cities.

MAYOR OF LONDON

I hope your team leading on culture will find this network of interest and Chicago will be able to join in 2021. If your office would like further information about the Forum, please contact [REDACTED], World Cities Culture Forum [REDACTED], by email at: [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Lori E. Lightfoot

Mayor of Chicago

C/o [REDACTED] [@cityofchicago.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@cityofchicago.org)

Date: 9 June 2021

Dear Mayor Lightfoot,

Thank you so much for your letter and kind words following my re-election as Mayor of London.

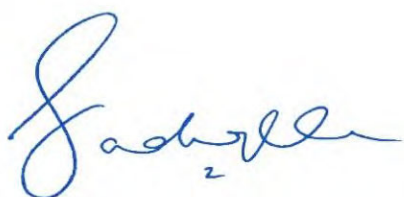
I am deeply humbled by the trust Londoners have placed in me at this crucial time, and am truly grateful for the support of other Mayors as we strive to put the dark days of the pandemic behind us. In London, that means delivering a green new deal, investing in young people, tackling crime, creating jobs, reducing levels of inequality and deprivation, helping businesses to grow, and continuing to build genuinely affordable homes.

However, as Mayors, we know that our cities do not exist in isolation, so I remain fully committed to working with you and your team in Chicago on building greener, fairer, safer and more prosperous cities for all our citizens. I also look forward to furthering the cultural and business ties between our two cities as you mention in your letter, particularly with London & Partners and the Chicago-London City Data Alliance.

In the meantime, if I or my office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to have your office contact my Head of International Relations, [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk) or on [REDACTED].

Thank you once again for your kind message, and I look forward to working with you over the coming years.

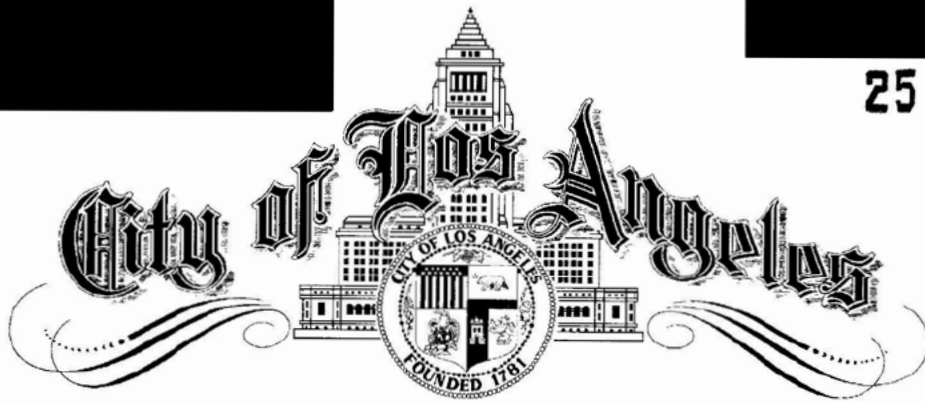
Yours sincerely,

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Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

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ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

May 9, 2016

The Honorable Sadiq Khan
Mayor
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA

Dear Mayor Khan,

Congratulations on your historic election as Mayor of London. Your victory is a powerful testament to the values London and Los Angeles share as some of the most diverse cities in the world.

Now more than ever, cities like ours must work to show the world that there can be unity in diversity, and that despite the fear that some seek to inspire, people from all around the world can live and prosper together.

I am proud of the work our cities have done on reducing carbon emissions, transportation, commerce, and a wide range of areas of mutual interest. I look forward to strengthening the relationship between our cities, and to forging a partnership around our shared values and interests.

Sincerely,


ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

*I'm very excited to be colleagues.
I spent 4½ years in Britain, including
a stint in Golders' Green. I look
forward to getting to know each other
and supporting our mutual work in
the years ahead!*



MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Eric Garcetti

City of Los Angeles
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The United States of America

Our ref: MGLA270516-3281

Date: 24 JUN 2016

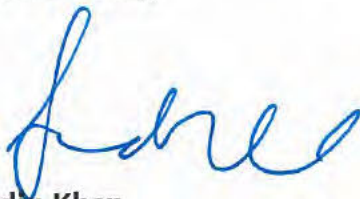
Dear Mayor Garcetti,

Thank you so much for much for taking the time to speak to me to convey the message of congratulations. I am humbled by the support and generosity I have been shown by Mayors around the world and hugely honoured to be able to serve London and be a Mayor for all Londoners.

Like Los Angeles and many other global cities, London is not without its challenges. As Mayor of London, I want all Londoners to have the same opportunities that our incredible city gave me. My team and I will work tirelessly to address London's housing crisis, deliver an affordable and modern transport system, create job opportunities, and build a clean and healthy environment for Londoners.

Cities are the future – innovative, creative, wealth and opportunity creators, and there has never been a more exciting time to collaborate and learn from the international community. I look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Eric Garcetti

[REDACTED]@lacity.org

Date: 1 November 2016

Dear Mayor,

As members of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, we know our cities play a pivotal role in tackling climate change and delivering improvements to local air quality. I believe one of the most effective ways of doing this would be for cities to transition their bus fleets away from diesel to new zero emission technologies.

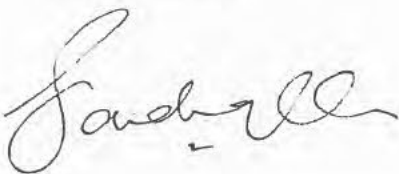
As such, I will soon announce my commitment to stop procuring diesel buses and only procure hybrid or zero-emission buses from 2018, and I am writing to you and the Mayors of 27 other cities around the world to ask if you too will join me by making a similar commitment.

We know that making joint commitments work – the C40 Clean Bus Declaration helped reduce the premium that London and other cities pay for hybrid buses by about 10 per cent. If cities act together now on the issue of diesel buses it will start a race to the top in clean bus technology by promoting zero emission battery, electric or hydrogen fuel cell buses. I appreciate that cities would need to meet their objectives over different timescales, but a joint commitment will show leadership, inspire our citizens and send a strong message to bus manufacturers about our determination to radically reduce emissions.

In order to give momentum to this agenda I will host an International Zero Emission Bus Conference on 30 November 2016 at City Hall in London, to which I plan to invite senior representatives from Los Angeles to attend. I would be most grateful if you could write to me before this Conference to confirm whether or not you are able to make a commitment to stop procuring diesel buses by a certain date, and authorising the representatives from your city to discuss how we can best work together to achieve our goals.

My team will shortly be in touch with your officials to discuss this initiative further, but if you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] Principal Policy and Programme Officer, by email at [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk or on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

March 28, 2017

The Honorable Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
273 Balham High Road
London
SW17 7BD
United Kingdom

Dear Mayor Khan,

Wednesday's events were an unfortunate reminder that terror is not yet a thing of the past. However, neither is solidarity. The City of Los Angeles stands strongly with you and the people of London during this difficult time.

London and Los Angeles share cultural, economic and historic ties that are stronger today than ever before. We must ensure that no act of evil will ever turn us away from the values of peace, friendship, goodwill, and understanding that give us the strength to go on in moments of tragedy, as well as triumph.

I know that London will once again emerge from adversity with strength and resilience, as it has many times in a very long and proud history. From our city to yours, we express our deepest sympathies and warmest wishes. If there is any way we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sending our city's love and friendship.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

MAYOR OF LONDON

Eric Garcetti
Mayor of Los Angeles

Our ref: MGLA040417-8131

Date: 07 APR 2017

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

On behalf of all Londoners, I'd like to thank you for your condolences following the attack on my city on 22nd March.

I am sorry we were unable to find a time for us to speak by phone in the days following the attack, but I appreciate you reaching out as well as the friendship and support shown by allies from across the globe.

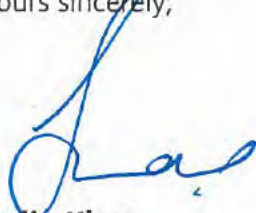
The victims of the attack in Westminster came from across Europe and around the world – from the UK, France, Spain, Romania, Greece, Germany, Poland, Ireland, Italy, South Korea, China and the United States.

This was a cowardly and horrific attack in the heart of London, but it was also an attack on us all – our shared way of life and our collective values of freedom and tolerance.

I know we also share a steely determination to never allow these terrorists to succeed. We will never be cowed by terrorism and will continue to work together to defeat it.

Finally, I'd also like to congratulate you on your re-election as Mayor on 7th March. I look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Eric Garcetti

City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
The United States of America

Date: 20 SEP 2017

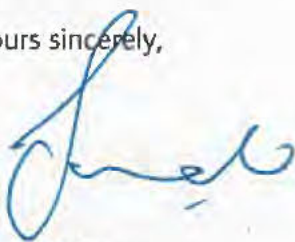
Dear Mayor Garcetti,

It was great to hear that Los Angeles will host the Olympics and Paralympic Games in 2028. Please accept my congratulations.

You will already know of the huge potential that the Games have, through the power of sport, to impact the host city in a positive way. It will undoubtedly be an exciting time for your city as you continue your preparations in the lead up to the two events. If you and your team would like to talk about London's experience of hosting the Games, we would of course be very happy to share our experience and help wherever possible.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your re-election to the C40 North America Steering Committee. We all appreciate your continued support of the important work of the C40.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

November 9, 2017

Mayor Khan
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA

Dear Mayor Khan,

It was a great pleasure to meet you in Paris at the C40 conference last month. Thank you for the lovely plate, which now graces my desk in City Hall, as well as for your advice regarding the Olympic Games.

I am writing to formally invite you to visit Los Angeles at a convenient time. Your trip can highlight both of our cities' work on inclusion, transport, resilience, or sustainability. If this is of interest to you, our teams can work on a schedule that will make the most of your time.

I hope our paths cross again soon.

Warm regards,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

Great to be with you!



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

March 21, 2019

The Honorable Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
London, SE1 2AA, United Kingdom

Dear Mayor Khan,

It is with great excitement that I write to inform you of my candidacy for C40 Chair to succeed Mayor Anne Hidalgo.

Los Angeles has been a member of C40 since 2005, and I have served on the Steering Committee since 2013. C40 is part of the foundation of climate action in Los Angeles, and it would be my honor to lead the organization at a critical time and ensure that all member cities are benefitting from its great work.

In 2015, I released L.A.'s first ever Sustainable City pLAn. It was the first of its kind to integrate climate action across all elements of city policy and planning, and tie the environment together with equity and the economy. It provided a mix of near-term and long-term targets and within the first 3 years, we hit 90% of our 2017 goals. For example, we have more electric vehicle charging stations than any city in America and we passed the most comprehensive energy and water efficiency reporting rules in the country. We have much to share, and we continue to learn even more from our C40 peers.

No organization or network has done more to help L.A. meet its goals and act with greater ambition than C40. I am eager to give back to the organization and partner cities while continuing to push ourselves to go further at home. As Chair, my focus will be on accelerating climate action, increased equity, and deeper North-South connections. Specifically:



1. Urban Green New Deal: setting out an agenda for cities to act with urgency, embrace inclusive climate action to ensure environmental and social justice, prioritize a just transition and green job development;
2. Economic Innovation: developing strategies to nurture economic development, technology, and innovation to create jobs and realize climate goals; and
3. Global South Cooperation: shining a spotlight on the needs of the Global South including climate finance for adaptation and mitigation; we must lift up the voices of the Global South, whose membership in C40 is growing, and who are most severely threatened by the impacts of climate change.

As Chair, I would also ensure that C40 continues to support and grow existing marquee programs to the benefit of our cities such as Deadline 2020 Climate Action Planning, Women4Climate, and Green and Healthy Streets. In addition, I hope to engage you personally in what your interests and priorities are with regards to ambitious climate action. The C40 networks are extremely strong and I would like to make sure that each Steering Committee member has the opportunity to lead a network's activity should you want.

I hope this framework excites you as much as it excites me. I believe that if we can show progress in these areas we will not only make our cities safer, cleaner, more inclusive, and prosperous for our residents, but we will also demonstrate to our nations and the rest of the world what truly bold climate leadership looks like, so that they can follow in our footsteps.

I humbly ask for your support for my candidacy for Chair of C40. I am available for a call or video conversation at any time should you like to follow up on topics I have raised here. My Chief Sustainability Officer, Lauren Faber O'Connor ([REDACTED]@lacity.org, WhatsApp: [REDACTED]), and my Deputy Mayor for International Affairs Ambassador Nina Hachigian ([REDACTED]@lacity.org; Whats App: [REDACTED]), are available to your staff for any questions or ideas you may want to share.

All my best,



ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor
City of Los Angeles

Sadiq:

Hope to be in London in May
and look forward to catching up.
I hope I can earn your support -
here's to great days ahead moving
forward! E.

MAYOR OF LONDON

Eric Garcetti

Mayor of Los Angeles

C/d [REDACTED]@lacity.org

Our ref: MGLA160519-2796

Date: 20 MAY 2019

Dear Eric,

Many thanks for your kind message, it is great to hear that you have put yourself forward for election to succeed Mayor Hidalgo as Chair of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group.

As you know, I am committed to ensuring that London plays a leading role in delivering ambitious climate action through C40. Together in C40, through sharing best practice and advocating jointly, we can have a greater impact as cities in driving action to tackle the climate change emergency.

It has been a pleasure to sit alongside you on the C40 Steering Committee as a fellow vice chair over the last three years, and I look forward to continuing this working relationship should you be successful in the election. I am sure you will provide inspiring leadership to C40 Cities based on the important and successful climate work you have been undertaking at city level in Los Angeles. I have been particularly impressed by your plan for a Green New Deal.

It is for this reason that I am very happy to provide my endorsement to your candidacy in the forthcoming election. Following the conclusion of the formal process by C40, my team would be happy to work with your office to discuss how London and Los Angeles can continue our productive bilateral relationship and can work together to ensure the work of C40 has an even stronger impact globally.

I look forward to seeing you again and wish you every success in the election.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Eric Garcetti

Mayor of Los Angeles

C/o [REDACTED]@lacity.org

Date: 17 JUN 2019

Dear Eric,

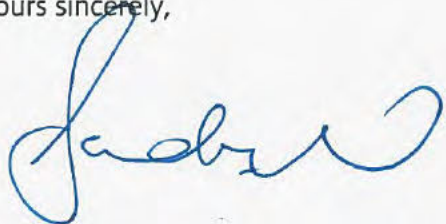
I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment as Chair of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, soon to be confirmed formally by the C40 Steering Committee. The priorities you presented for your leadership of C40 in your letter to Mayor Hidalgo, clearly show that you will be an asset to C40 and global action by cities on climate change.

I was pleased to endorse you as the new chair, and the number of endorsements you received from other Mayors reflects the support you will have as you take on this new role. I am sure this will stand you in good stead for a productive term as Chair. Together in C40, through sharing best practice and advocating jointly, we can have a greater impact as cities in driving action to tackle the climate change emergency.

I look forward to you sharing the best practice of your success in Los Angeles with us to inform the work of C40 Cities. I hope that we can strengthen our working relationship built as fellow vice chairs on the C40 Steering Committee.

I understand you are travelling to Europe this summer and I look forward to meeting then to discuss plans for C40, as well as at the C40 Summit in Copenhagen, and ways that London and Los Angeles can best work together to tackle climate change.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

June 19, 2019

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
City Hall, London, SE1 2AA

Dear Mayor Khan,

Thank you for honoring me with your formal endorsement of my candidacy for Chair of C40, and for your congratulatory letter dated June 17, 2019. I am truly humbled to have your support, and will take up the Chairmanship with dedication and commitment. I am grateful in advance for your partnership going forward.

I will be traveling to Europe this summer to engage local experts and see on-the-ground best practices of leading European cities, including your own. I plan to be in London on August 5, 2019. During my visit, I would consider it an honor to meet with you to learn more about the work that you have done to tackle climate change locally — particularly your work on air quality and your interest in climate finance — and to discuss plans for C40, including the Mayors Summit in Copenhagen this October.

I look forward to strengthening our partnership and continuing to work together to tackle climate change.

Sincerely yours,

*Hope you are well.
Keep up the good fight.*

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor
City of Los Angeles

JULY 9, 2020

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Dear Steering Committee colleagues,

Today we mourn the death of Mayor Park Won-soon. For all of us, he was a fellow mayor, an esteemed colleague, a steadfast advocate for climate justice, and a sounding board for big ideas. For many of us, he was also a friend. His loss is stunning, difficult, and painful to bear.

From his perch as a C40 Vice Chair, Mayor Park always pushed us to act with greater urgency. He raised consciousness about the consequences of inaction, and he set an example on sustainable leadership at the local level.

No words can express our shock and sorrow right now. Let's simply keep Mayor Park's family and the people of Seoul in our prayers in this time of unimaginable grief, and let's extend the deepest condolences of everyone at C40 to all who are impacted by his passing.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI
Chair of C40 Cities
Mayor of Los Angeles

MAYOR OF LONDON

Eric Garcetti
Mayor of Los Angeles

Date: 13 July 2021

By email

Dear Eric,

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your nomination by President Biden to serve as Ambassador to India. I wish you all the best for the forthcoming Senate confirmation process.

As we have discussed previously, the COVID-19 pandemic has been an unprecedented challenge for us and Mayors around the world. Moving beyond the initial crisis response and towards delivering a sustained recovery is an enormous task, and one that can only be achieved when cities work together across national boundaries.

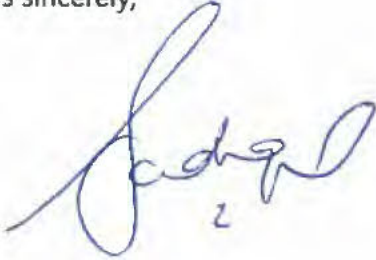
I would therefore like to offer my gratitude for all your hard work to ensure that C40 has been so successful at rising to this challenge. As C40 Chair, together with Mayor Sala in Milan, you have overseen the Global Mayors COVID-19 Recovery Taskforce to build back better, with good growth that is sustainable, greener, inclusive and benefits all our communities. Your commitment to the Cities Race to Zero Campaign, vaccine equity, mobilising the C40 in response to the tragic death of George Floyd, and positioning the C40 as an ally of the new US administration - has provided a platform for global Mayors to work together to address the common challenges of the climate emergency, the pandemic and the many global issues we face.

Your legacy in LA will also be seen in the many innovative initiatives you have delivered, including LA's Green New Deal to invest in a more sustainable and inclusive city, on gender and racial equity, and in your successful bid to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2028. I truly enjoyed our recent event with young climate activists in the US and UK, as well as the launch of the City Hub and Network for Gender Equity (CHANGE), together with the Mayors of Barcelona, Freetown, Mexico City and Tokyo.

MAYOR OF LONDON

I hope we will have the opportunity to collaborate once again in the future, and I wish you all the best in your continued service to your city and your country.

Yours sincerely,

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Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

PS Very proud of you!

MAYOR OF LONDON

Bill de Blasio

Mayor of New York City

Chirlane McCray

First Lady of New York City

C/o [REDACTED]@cityhall.nyc.gov

Our ref: MGLA061117-3103

Date: 23 NOV 2017

Dear Chirlane & Bill,

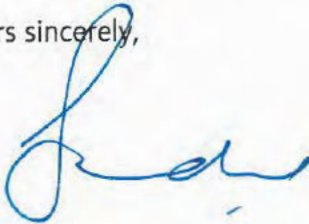
Thank you for inviting me to give the keynote speech at the Cities Thrive Mental Health Leadership Conference in New York City on 4 and 5 December 2017.

I am so sorry but, whilst I am extremely grateful for the invitation, I am afraid that I will be leading a trade and investment mission overseas at that time, which means I am unable to attend.

However, I am very pleased that Thrive LDN will host Dr Gary Belkin, Executive Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Technical Lead for Thrive NYC, from 27 to 29 November for a series of events and meetings.

Once again, I am sorry I am unable to travel to New York in December, but I wish you every success with the event.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Dear Bill,

Thank you for giving me so much of your time whilst I was in New York - especially given the fact that you were contending with such a difficult situation.

My time in your great city was, as ever, fascinating. The similarities between London and New York are remarkable and I am sure we can continue to learn from each other as we tackle the issues we both face on a daily basis.

I do hope to see you in London soon. Please assume there is an open invitation to you!

Please do thank Christine for giving up her evening to spend with us and your team who I know put a huge effort into making my time in New York so great.

With the Best



MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Bill de Blasio

██████████@cityhall.nyc.gov

Date: 1 November 2016

Dear Mayor,

As members of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, we know our cities play a pivotal role in tackling climate change and delivering improvements to local air quality. I believe one of the most effective ways of doing this would be for cities to transition their bus fleets away from diesel to new zero emission technologies.

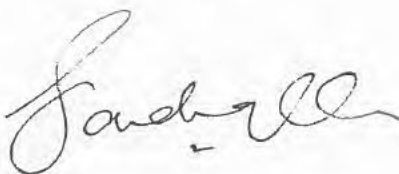
As such, I will soon announce my commitment to stop procuring diesel buses and only procure hybrid or zero-emission buses from 2018, and I am writing to you and the Mayors of 27 other cities around the world to ask if you too will join me by making a similar commitment.

We know that making joint commitments work – the C40 Clean Bus Declaration helped reduce the premium that London and other cities pay for hybrid buses by about 10 per cent. If cities act together now on the issue of diesel buses it will start a race to the top in clean bus technology by promoting zero emission battery, electric or hydrogen fuel cell buses. I appreciate that cities would need to meet their objectives over different timescales, but a joint commitment will show leadership, inspire our citizens and send a strong message to bus manufacturers about our determination to radically reduce emissions.

In order to give momentum to this agenda I will host an International Zero Emission Bus Conference on 30 November 2016 at City Hall in London, to which I plan to invite senior representatives from New York to attend. I would be most grateful if you could write to me before this Conference to confirm whether or not you are able to make a commitment to stop procuring diesel buses by a certain date, and authorising the representatives from your city to discuss how we can best work together to achieve our goals.

My team will shortly be in touch with your officials to discuss this initiative further, but if you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact ██████████, Principal Policy and Programme Officer, by email at ██████████@london.gov.uk or on +44 20 7983 ██████████.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

Invitation to Cities Thrive Mental Health Leadership Conference

"O'Brien, Kevin" ([REDACTED]@cityhall.nyc.gov)

To: Mayor (mayor@london.gov.uk)

Dear Mayor Khan:

On behalf of Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray, I am writing to invite you to be the keynote speaker at the Cities Thrive Mental Health Leadership Conference that will be held in New York City, December 4-5, 2017. The conference will focus on the role that cities – in the United States and globally – can play in ensuring that mental health is a priority area for policy leaders, communities, and individuals.

Municipal governments are in the unique position to be at the forefront of mental health reform. Leaders have the resources and policy-making ability to change their city's approach to mental health for the better, and to directly serve their constituents. Local government also has an unparalleled capacity to provide and promote prevention and treatment activities, while also advancing policies needed to take on the root causes of so many mental health conditions.

We would be honored to highlight your leadership in announcing Thrive LDN, which further demonstrated the power of cities to lead globally. Many cities in the United States and around the world are adopting the "Thrive" banner as a way to bring mental health issues to the forefront and to engage broad sectors in this movement. Given the conference theme of "Theory to Action," we would appreciate hearing your insight on developing London's local mental health plan and key strategies that local leaders should look to take in order to successfully advocate for their citizens.

Your presence at the Cities Thrive Mental Health Leadership Conference will make an enormous contribution to advancing our shared mental health agenda. We look forward to working with your office, sharing details about conference plans, and welcoming you to New York City. Please have your staff reach out to Alana Leviton ([REDACTED]@cityhall.nyc.gov) to discuss additional details.

Sincerely,

Kevin O'Brien

Kevin O'Brien
Chief of Staff
Office of the Mayor | City of New York
o. (212) [REDACTED]

MAYOR OF LONDON

Bill de Blasio
Mayor of New York

Date: 1 November 2017

Dear Bill,

I want to offer my sincere condolences following yesterday's horrific attack in Manhattan.

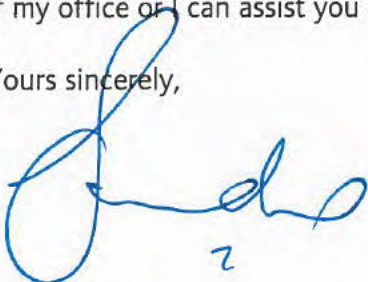
London stands in grief and solidarity with New York following this despicable attack on the innocent.

The thoughts of all Londoners are with those who have been injured and all those who have lost loved ones. My heart goes out to them, and to you, at this very difficult time.

I know that the strength and resilience of New Yorkers mean you will not be cowed by an attack like this on our shared values and way of life.

If my office or I can assist you and your team in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

PS Do let me know if we can
help in anyway.

MAYOR OF LONDON

Bill de Blasio
Mayor of New York

Date: 09 NOV 2017

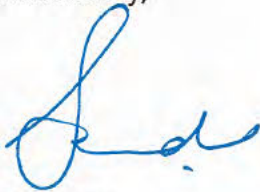
Dear Bill,

I'm writing to offer you my sincere congratulations on becoming the first Democrat since 1985 to be re-elected as Mayor of New York City.

I look forward to continuing our cooperation over the coming years as we put forward progressive solutions to the challenges facing both our cities, particularly around issues of affordable housing, counterterrorism, climate change and social inclusion.

If my team or I can assist you and your colleagues in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office through [REDACTED] by email at [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk or on 0207 983 [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

PS Best wishes to Chirlane & children
Really really pleased !!

MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Edwin M. Lee

[REDACTED]@sfgov.org

Date: 1 November 2016

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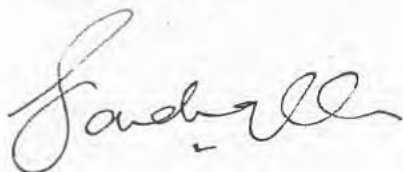
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Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London



08 JUN 17

MAYOR EDWIN M. LEE

June 6, 2017

The Honorable Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA
United Kingdom

Dear Mayor Khan,

It was with a sense of deep personal shock and sadness that I have been following the cowardly and senseless attacks on innocent people in the United Kingdom, including the most recent in London.

My thoughts are with the people of London right now, especially the families of those killed and wounded in these terrible acts.

I know all too well the constant and vigilant concern mayors have for the welfare of the residents of their cities. There are a whole range of problems mayors face, but terrorism and its impact on our very ways of life should not be one of them.

I commend you for the responsible leadership with which you have responded to these tragedies. You and London remain a model for the rest of the world.

As you cope with these very serious issues, please know that San Francisco stands with London.

Sincerely,

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Edwin M. Lee
Mayor of San Francisco

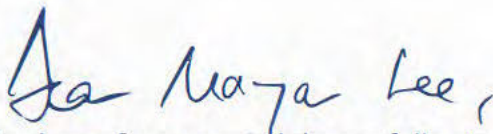
MAYOR OF LONDON

Edwin M Lee

Mayor of San Francisco
Mayor's Office of Protocol
City Hall Room 200
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place
San Francisco
CA 94102-4681
The United States of America

Our ref: MGLA120617-5396

Date: 21 JUN 2017



Thank you for your condolences following the attack on my city on 3 June. Whilst this was an attack in London, the victims came from across the world, and once again the messages of support from friends across the globe have been touching and I am truly grateful.

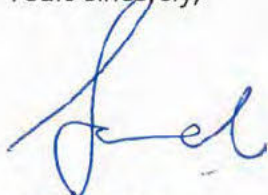
I am appalled and furious that these twisted and cowardly terrorists deliberately targeted innocent Londoners and visitors to our city who were just enjoying their Saturday night.

There can be no justification for the evil and unforgivable actions of these barbaric cowards and they will never win. Together we will defeat them.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for meeting with my Deputy Mayor for Housing, James Murray, on 30 May during his visit to San Francisco. It is important to me that London shares knowledge and experience with other global cities, and I look forward to continuing this exchange of expertise over the coming years.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

London Breed
Mayor of San Francisco

Date: 25 JUN 2018

London Breed,

I'm writing to offer my congratulations on your election as Mayor of San Francisco.

There is much that binds our two great cities together: ever growing levels of trade and investment, our shared values of openness and tolerance, and the fact our cities act as beacons for entrepreneurs, investors, students and visitors from all over the world.

However, that growth leads to a number of shared challenges - not least the need to increase the provision of affordable housing and to reduce inequalities. I believe there is much that London and San Francisco can learn from each other, and am pleased that over the last year my Chief Digital Officer and Deputy Mayors for Housing and Culture have all visited San Francisco to forge new partnerships and exchange ideas and expertise.

I am very keen for this cooperation to continue and for London and San Francisco to continue to work together to shine a spotlight on inclusivity and diversity, particularly in the tech sector.

I would therefore like to invite you to give one of the keynote speeches at Silicon Valley Comes to the UK (SVC2UK), which takes place in London and Cambridge between 7-9 November 2018. This summit was co-founded by Reid Hoffman, Ellen Levy and Sherry Coutu, and brings together tech influencers, investors, policymakers, academics and CEOs from London, the UK and the Bay Area.

We will be in touch in due course to offer further details about the programme. In the meantime, if my team or I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office directly through [REDACTED] at: [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk) or on: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 27, 2018

The Honorable Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
City Hall
SE1 2AA London
United Kingdom

Dear Mayor Khan,

I am grateful for your kind message of congratulations on my election as Mayor of San Francisco. I look forward to working with you to strengthen the ties of friendship and cooperation between our two cities.

My swearing-in ceremony was the beginning of a long effort to advance bold and creative solutions to address the most challenging issues facing San Francisco. In the months ahead, I hope that we might engage in meaningful exchanges in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of the people of both San Francisco and London.

I send you my warmest personal good wishes.

Sincerely,

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London N. Breed
Mayor of San Francisco

MAYOR OF LONDON

London Breed

Mayor of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102
The United States of America

Date: 03 DEC 2018

Dear Mayor Breed,

World Cities Culture Summit San Francisco

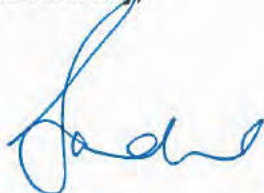
I wanted to write to you offering my personal thanks to San Francisco for hosting the seventh World Cities Culture Summit last month. I am delighted that it was such a success and that 32 world cities were represented, our largest summit to date.

This Forum is an increasingly important platform for cooperation between world cities, ensuring that culture remains an integral part of global public policy. I am very grateful to you for agreeing to host this year's Summit and recognising the importance that culture can play in cities. I know that the delegates have fed back how impressed they were with the warm hospitality they received in San Francisco, and how much they enjoyed visiting your city's wonderful institutions like SFMOMA and the de Young Museum. Particular thanks must go to Director of Cultural Affairs, Tom DeCaigny, as well as Joe D'Alessandro and Howard Pickett from San Francisco Travel Association, for welcoming city leaders from across the world.

I would also like to thank you for the time you took to speak with the delegation, your own personal perspective provided a powerful message on the importance of access to culture. I look forward to the World Cities Culture Forum continuing to enhance cultural co-operation between world cities, following the outstanding success of this year's San Francisco Summit.

Finally, I wanted to share my sympathies for the terrible fires affecting your region, the impacts of climate change affect all of us and we are thinking of your city and residents at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON

London N. Breed

Mayor of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102
The United States of America

Date: 21 NOV 2019

Dear Mayor Breed,

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your re-election as Mayor of San Francisco. I wish you every success as you continue in your role.

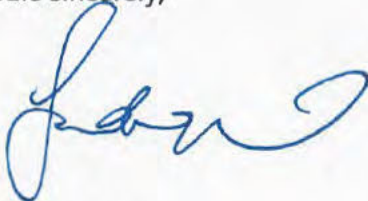
I am proud that London and San Francisco continue to be global champions of openness, tolerance and diversity. We do, however, face similar challenges in our two great cities, such as ensuring housing is affordable and addressing the inequalities in our society. There is so much that we can learn from each other on these shared issues.

I am also proud that London and San Francisco continue to be global leaders in tech and innovation. Just a few days ago, London once again hosted the 'Silicon Valley Comes to the UK' Summit – an annual event which is attended by prominent tech influencers, investors, policymakers, academics and CEOs from London, the UK and the Bay Area. I was sorry that you were unable to take up my invitation to give a keynote speech at last year's Summit.

Next year we will once again host London Tech Week, which takes place from 8-12 June 2020. This week-long festival of tech and innovation saw over 58,000 attendees this year and your attendance next year would be most welcome.

If you are interested in attending this fantastic event, or indeed need anything else in the meantime, please do not hesitate to be in touch. In the first instance your office can contact [redacted] in my International Relations team by email at [redacted] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@london.gov.uk) or on [redacted]

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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Mayor of San Francisco

Date: 25 September 2020

Dear Mayor Breed,

Re: Invitation to World Cities Culture Forum: Global Conversation

I would like to share my best wishes at this difficult time and invite you to take part in an online global event to discuss the crucial role that culture will play in our economic and social recovery from COVID-19. The panel, 'Global Mayors: Cultural Leadership through Crisis' will be the key event, concluding a full day of global conversations on 29 October 2020 at 5pm GMT.

Our cities face the unprecedented challenge of recovering from the impacts of the pandemic. Culture will play a vital role in this recovery, boosting our economy day and night and inspiring, entertaining and bringing people together. Throughout this crisis, we have seen how people have turned to culture to connect with one another during isolation. Culture is in the DNA of our world cities, but it is under threat and deeply impacted by COVID-19.

During this time, the World Cities Culture Forum has provided leadership to our members, hosting 13 webinars bringing together speakers from Amsterdam to Buenos Aires, San Francisco to Seoul and Lagos to Tokyo among many more. These webinars have been a vital source of intelligence gathering and we have worked together to address the many common challenges we are facing as global cities. We have shared our funding and support measures, our reopening plans, new economic data, accelerated public realm improvements and public confidence campaigns.

Every year, the Forum hosts an annual Summit, bringing together Deputy Mayors and Commissioners for Culture from 40 world cities. This year, on 29 October, we will be bringing together our world cities for our Global Conversation, a one-day digital conference on culture, COVID-19 and cities. The flagship session will be a public panel, 'Global Mayors: Cultural Leadership through Crisis', which I am delighted to invite you to take part in, alongside four other world city Mayors.

It is a chance to advocate for the role of culture in recovery, reflect on learnings from your response to COVID-19 and make the case for investment in culture. We will be inviting the public from across the world to attend virtually – reaching a truly global audience at this critical time for culture and cities.

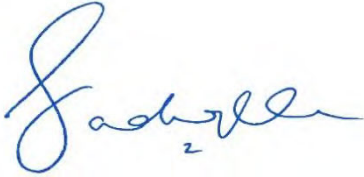
Your economic recovery task force supporting local arts and culture is a key example of leadership that we would like to share and celebrate with our global audience. As a former host of the World Cities Culture Summit, San Francisco also has a particularly powerful voice within the network, so I would be delighted if we can come together to amplify the solutions to protect and support culture in our cities.

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I welcome the opportunity to share a platform with you to urgently advocate for culture in our cities. My Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, would be happy to discuss this in more detail with your team. Please feel free to contact her by email at: [\[REDACTED\]@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk).

I very much hope you will join me on 29 October.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the 'h'.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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Muriel Bowser
Mayor of Washington

Date: 13 April 2017

Dear Mayor Bowser,

Invitation to join the World Cities Culture Forum Network in 2017

I'm writing to you to invite Washington to join the World Cities Culture Forum – the world's premier global leadership network for culture.

The World Cities Culture Forum is made up of cities that demonstrate global leadership on culture. Its members – senior leaders from city governments – are some of the most informed and influential cultural officials in the world. They know that culture is a vital part of urban policy, driving a city's reputation, economic prosperity and quality of life.

Founded in 2012 by London, New York, Shanghai, Tokyo, Sydney and Istanbul, the Forum has grown to include 33 member cities in Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, and North & South America. By sharing knowledge, expertise and collaborating with each other, the Forum helps members to make culture a leading force in their cities.

At the heart of the Forum's activity is the annual Summit. Last year, member cities met in Moscow for three days of inspired discussion, sharing challenges and new ideas. Previous gatherings have taken place in London, Shanghai, Amsterdam, Istanbul and Buenos Aires.

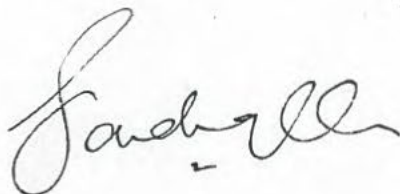
All members are invited to the summit which will be hosted by Seoul, South Korea, from 1 to 3 November 2017.

Evidence is essential if we are to make the case for culture. So our work is underpinned by an extensive research programme and online presence. This year we will produce the first comparative statistical study on how culture is financed in world cities, as well as two publications focusing on issues of urgent importance to our members – 'Culture and sustainability' and 'Making space for culture'.

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If your office would like further information about the Forum or the Summit, please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in my Culture Team, by email at [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
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