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Dear Veronica

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2013, addressing the points raised by the GLA Oversight Committee at its meeting in January. Your letter was formally reported to the Committee at the meeting of 24 April 2013 where, in discussion, Assembly Members sought assurance that in your role as Senior Adviser – Team London, Volunteering, Charities & Sponsorship you have given due consideration to the concerns on the volunteering legacy expressed by the Commons' Public Accounts Committee in its report, *The London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games: post-Games review*.

The Committee would be grateful if you could set out in writing your thoughts on the report, ideally in advance of the next GLA Oversight Committee meeting on 21 May 2013.

In addition, the Committee would like to invite you to a meeting later in the year in order to update Assembly Members on progress with volunteering. Officers will contact your office in due course to identify a suitable date.

Should you have any questions on this or need any further information, please contact the Committee Officer as per the details at the foot of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Len

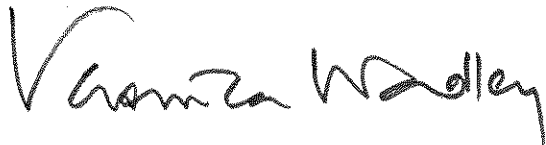
Thank you for your letter of 9 May 2013. As you know, ensuring a volunteering legacy is important to the Mayor and we have a number of initiatives underway to ensure that we deliver, including:

- To provide more than 900 Ambassadors for a visitor welcome service at central London locations throughout this summer, as well as several thousand volunteers helping at major sporting events.
- To match Ambassadors to primary and secondary schools across London to inspire young people to volunteer in their local communities.
- To target and encourage unemployed young people to become volunteer recruits, giving them skills training and opportunities at major events.
- To host, one year on from the Games, in July, a Team London and Join In event, with support from the Big Lottery Fund, in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. This will be for all the 2012 volunteers, to inspire them to continue volunteering and encourage their friends and family to do the same.
- To support the exciting series of summer events in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park the London Legacy Development Corporation is recruiting 600 volunteers to help welcome visitors to the Park for the first time since the Games. These volunteers will help lay the foundations for the innovative time bank market place volunteering programme being developed for spring 2014 when the Park fully opens.
- To make it easier to volunteer, all Londoners are being encouraged to sign up to the new Team London website where they can find opportunities to do something great for our city and local communities. We currently have opportunities for tens of thousands of Londoners to volunteer.

Volunteering has been rising in London since 2011 and our recent Team London survey showed that 68 per cent of Londoners have been involved in some form of volunteering

over the last 12 months. We are determined to build on the volunteering legacy of the Games and to drive thousands of rewarding opportunities across London's communities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Wadley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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