



## Election of Sheriffs for the City of London, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Candidature of Alderwoman Susan Langley

### To the members of the Livery of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen

I am honoured that my colleagues on the Court of Aldermen kindly support my nomination as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the City of London for 2023/24 and I humbly offer myself to the Livery at Common Hall on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> and would be very grateful for your support.

Born in the East End, I was raised within the sound of Bow Bells. My family tree runs deep through Forest Gate, Whitechapel and West Ham. I went to secondary school in Harold Wood and was the first to go to University. I studied Geography at the University of Southampton, where I learnt to surf which meant I spent my summers in Cornwall. After graduating, I travelled for a year and a half on a solo round the world trip, working to fund this at the Brisbane Stock Exchange and at an Environmental Research Company studying the Barrier Reef, which also meant I learnt to scuba dive. On my return I joined a graduate trainee scheme in the retail industry, then joined PriceWaterhouseCoopers as a Consultant. This took me into Insurance and Financial Services, where I held a number of Senior Management and Board positions.

Current and past roles include Non-Executive Chair Gallagher UK, Senior Independent Director UKAR (Northern Rock Asset Management and Bradford and Bingley), the Lead Non-Executive Director for the Home Office, Trustee for Macmillan Cancer, CEO Financial & Professional Services at the Department for International Trade (DIT), Executive Director North America and Market Development for Lloyd's of London, Director of Lloyd's Asia and Chairman of Lloyd's Japan.

A long term Liveryman of the Insurers, I am a Freeman of the Drapers and the Goldsmiths and a member of the City Livery Club. The Livery are an integral part of the City and I very much appreciate the role they play, particularly in charitable endeavours and continuing support to industries and trades.

I care passionately about social mobility and inclusion and speak on this extensively. I was the Financial Service's founding member of the Government's Women's Business Council and have been extremely fortunate in being a past recipient of a number of business awards. I have mentored across varied business sectors and feel that we have a responsibility to support those just starting out.

Elected in the wonderful Ward of Aldgate in 2018, I have sat on the Finance, Standards, Planning and Transportation, Corporate Services, Port Health, City Bridge Trust and the Gresham committees. I am also a member of the Competitiveness Advisory Board and the Lead for Advanced Markets.

I met my husband Gary a number of years ago and we have been married for twenty years. With a senior career in PriceWaterhouseCoopers and then as a Partner at IBM, he and I both spent considerable time working overseas, which instilled a love of travel in us both. He is currently a Magistrate sitting in Hertfordshire and is and always has been, a huge support to me.

I really can't believe I've worked in the City for over 30 years but it's meant I'm fortunate enough to have a wide network across industries and sectors, public, private and charitable. The City has afforded me an unimaginable career and I would welcome the opportunity to serve it in return.

If elected I look forward to supporting the Old Bailey and promoting the rule of law. The City can only work if it works together and I strongly believe we have a real responsibility to make it the best that it can be. We must ensure that the same opportunities that we have had, are available to the generations yet to come and that we gently hand on a thriving and open City.

I have the absolute honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant.

Alderwoman Susan Langley OBE