

Election of Sheriffs

Monday, 25th June 2018

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To the Liverymen of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to offer myself for election to represent you and the Livery as one of the Sheriffs of the City of London. I do so with the full support of my family and the encouragement of many friends in the Livery and the City.

Livery - As Liverymen, we are all proud of our Companies, the values they represent and all that they have achieved, often over hundreds of years. We all share a commitment to the three obligations of the Livery - to support our trade or profession, the Lord Mayor and City of London and charitable causes.

I have been a Liveryman and Tallow Chandler for almost 40 years and I served as Master last year. For the future, I remain absolutely committed to the Livery and to working to maintain its relevance to the City and the wider community.

Charity - Charity is a driving force of Livery activity in which the Mayoralty and Shrievalty play an integral part. My charitable focus has included the Adventure Playground movement providing young people with 'somewhere to go and something to do', and serving as its Chairman for over 20 years. I am committed to initiatives that promote employability; I am a governor of a Malaysian school educating children from 40 countries for life in a global world.

The City - The Livery, the Mayoralty and the City have always been interdependent and mutually supportive - and that support has never been more important than now - when the City faces challenging but exciting times. Challenging because, for decades to come, the destiny of our country will depend on the vigour and determination of the City's response to the country's decision to leave the European Union. Exciting because the Lord Mayor and the business community have a duty to help shape a prosperous future for the City and the nation's financial and business services sector.

This is not 'business as usual'. The ability of the Sheriffs to support the Lord Mayor and to act as aides and ambassadors for the Mayoralty at home and abroad will be more important than ever.

What can I contribute? I may be a lawyer by profession, but for more than 20 years, my international work has been much wider, encompassing policy and practice in corporate governance, ethical standards, financial reporting and competition and regulation. At the same time, I led the international expansion of my law firm from the UK to 20 other countries, including in the Middle East, USA, Japan and Russia.

Against that background, I would relish the opportunity, working as part of the civic team, to draw on this experience and to convince others that the City continues to offer that unique combination of expertise, integrity, innovation and resilience on which its success has been built over many centuries.

In a changing world, I believe it is important that the two Sheriffs have the capacity and experience to support the Lord Mayor, to act as ambassadors for the City when required and to be a safe pair of hands to undertake any task, project or initiative that may be delegated to them.

Our right to elect our own public officers is a precious privilege. Contested elections and the active involvement of the Livery underline the vitality of our electoral process and our franchise.

I am standing because I believe strongly in the Livery, its traditions of service and philanthropy and its commitment to support the Mayoralty - and I would welcome the opportunity to represent the Livery as part of the Civic team at this very important time.

I urge you to come to Guildhall on 25th June at 12 noon and to cast your first vote for the Aldermanic candidate, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, and your second vote for me.

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

Richard Fleck CBE

For further information, together with comments from others, please see the reverse of this page (or scroll down). If you have not yet had a chance to meet me and my wife, Mary, you can see short video clips at www.richardfleck.com.

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Highlights of Richard Fleck's life and career

- Married to Mary for 35 years with adult children, Sara and Peter.
- Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers, Liveryman 1980, Master 2016-17. Liveryman of City of London Solicitors' Company; member of City Livery Club and of Vintry & Dowgate Ward Clubs. Committee member for Big Curry Lunch. Actively involved in Pan-Livery Initiative.
- Solicitor since 1973, partner for 29 years and now consultant with Herbert Smith Freehills LLP. Managed a £300million turnover business. Global Relationship Partner 2005-9.
- Director, Financial Reporting Council. Investigated causes of 2007-8 financial crisis. Led development of subsequent UK and EU legislation.
- Chaired Financial Reporting Review Panel.
- Director - National Audit Office, Natural Capital Coalition, Incorporated Council of Law Reporting.
- Inspector under the Banking Act, Bank of England.
- Deputy Chair, International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.
- Chaired London Adventure Playground Association for 20 years. Governor of Marlborough College, overseeing foundation of Marlborough College, Malaysia. Chair of Holburne Museum, Bath. Council member of Salisbury Cathedral.
- Represented England at several levels in squash; won sailing world championships.
- Received the CBE for services to business and the law in 2009.

What others say about Richard Fleck:

"Given the importance of the role of professional services and the changes likely to arise from Brexit, I believe strongly that Richard as Sheriff would be a significant contributor and of valuable assistance to the City and the Lord Mayor. His civic sense is well-documented and diverse, and he would be an excellent ambassador for the City of London."

SIR WIN BISCHOFF - CHAIRMAN, FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL.

"A few months ago I was concerned about who would be sheriff in 2018/19 in this critical year for the City and the UK. I felt that the Lord Mayor would need particularly heavyweight support. Within 10 minutes of meeting Richard Fleck for the first time I was certain that he had exactly the sort of experience on the international scene needed. Coupled with his experience of the livery and his hands-on charitable work with young people, Richard will be invaluable as a member of the Mayoral team."

NIGEL BRANSON, SHERIFF 2000

"Richard has a deep personal commitment to the philanthropic role of the Livery. He has a real sense of how the Mayoralty, Shrievalty, Livery and the wider City can come together as a powerful force for good in our society. With his experience he will be an excellent ambassador in the UK and overseas for the City of London."

ROD KENT, FORMER TRUSTEE ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION, MASTER PEWTERER 2016/17

"As the partner responsible for leading our international strategy over many years, Richard has the experience to make a valuable contribution to any initiative that involves building relationships at the most senior level, whether in business or government."

JAMES PALMER - SENIOR PARTNER, HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS LLP

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