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Dear Friend,

Please support me in the NPF ballot

I'm standing for a London Region position on the National Policy Forum this year. A socialist and active Labour Party member since 1979, I served on Southwark Council from 2006 to 2010 in opposition to a Con-Dem coalition. So I know a thing or two about formulating distinct Labour policies on issues that matter.

During Labour's 8 years without control of Southwark, we faced a right-wing agenda of cuts, closures, and price-hikes. Inequality rocketed while the corporates made rich pickings from privatisation. I worked on Labour's local economic policy in the run-up to the last three Council elections. In an area where we faced a strong challenge from the Greens, I established Labour's climate change credentials by setting up a community-based renewable energy project, [Peckham Power](#).

I am also proud to have also played on a wider policy stage. In 1997 I worked in Government on some of Labour's flagship legislation including the Human Rights Act. In the long battle to enact legislation against hunting I appeared in Parliamentary and ministerial hearings to argue the case against cruelty. Civil liberties, the environment and workplace rights are at the centre of my professional work as a barrister. In the last Parliament I was responsible for private Members' Bills on key Labour movement issues: workers' rights on equity takeovers, annual uprating of redundancy pay, and compensation for exposure to asbestos. This year I'm delighted to be working on John McDonnell MP's [Lawful Industrial Action \(Minor Errors\) Bill](#) which has earned wide Labour Movement support. I have contributed to several of the [LEAP Red Papers](#). And I worked with Nicky Gavron AM on [Labour's response](#) to Boris Johnson's new London Plan, which attempts to roll back many of the radical policy gains made under Ken Livingstone.

As this opportunist coalition embarks on a vicious programme of cuts and sell-offs, it's more important than ever for Labour to demonstrate a vision of a different society. I'm a member of the LRC, Compass and UNITE. Like them - and you - I want to see a society where Government is serious about closing the huge gap between rich and poor. Where public services and utilities are not the playthings of private markets but are publicly owned and run. Where we invest in world peace and democracy, not weapons systems, invasions and occupations. Where equality and trade union rights at work are a cause for celebration not embarrassment.

If elected I'll report back regularly to CLPs and attend GCs whenever I can. I'll work with every strand of Party opinion to make sure we're ready to challenge the Con-Dems with a radical policy framework for the 21st Century. Please support me in the ballot.

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