**LAMMY, David**

I am, first and foremost, a Londoner.  I was born in London and my wife and I are now raising our three children – one adopted - close to where I grew up. My parents came to London from the Caribbean. My mum brought up five children alone in the shadow of the Broadwater Farm estate. She worked for London Underground and then Haringey Council and was a lifelong member of NUPE. Union Learn enabled her to go to Night School and gain the skills she needed to support our family.

I’ve seen London from all angles - from concrete towers in Tottenham to studying at SOAS, from frying chicken in KFC to serving as a government minister. I know what it’s like to live in this city and struggle, but I also know London at its best, a city that provides opportunities for all who live here.

I’m running for Mayor because I fear the opportunities I benefitted from have disappeared for too many Londoners. Millions are trapped in low-paid work, held back by rising rents and transport fares, and struggling with childcare.

I’ve fought tirelessly to prevent the closure of the Whittington Hospital, I stood with local cleaners demanding fair pay, I marched with public sector workers against the pay freeze, I’ve campaigned from the front, through my Fairness in Football campaign, to ensure staff in one of London’s biggest industries are paid a Living Wage. As a minister, I stood up for our public services and those who rely on them most, introducing the four-hour A&E waiting time target and committing the government to creating 500,000 new apprenticeships. Working across London, I have been on the side of women suffering sexual harassment and victims of workplace discrimination of all kinds.

As Mayor, I will fight for working people in London. I’ll ramp up the number of new homes we build, issuing London Housing Bonds to build 30,000 social homes. I’ll reduce the maximum ‘affordable’ rent from 80% to 50% of market value so that affordability means something once again, and make sure keyworkers are never priced out of our city. I’ll make night buses free for the night workers who keep our city safe, healthy and clean. I’ll bring back Night Schools, because we need learning throughout our careers and I’ll deliver free childcare for every London pre-school child.

In the coming years London will face unprecedented pressures from the consequences of Tory austerity: freezing nurses’ and teachers’ pay, decimating our health system, selling off our council homes and interfering in our schools and slashing local services while wasting £100 billion on renewing Trident.

That’s why we need a Mayor who gets London and who will fight for it every day. We need new leadership that is bold enough to take on the vested interests holding us back. For too long politicians have reached for off-the-shelf solutions for problems that require bigger, bolder thinking. We need a Mayor with a plan for a new London.