

Monday 25th June 2018

## Election of Sheriffs for the City of London

### Candidature of Alderman Vincent Keaveny

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To the Liverymen of the City of London

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My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My colleagues on the Court of Aldermen support my nomination as a candidate for the ancient office of Sheriff of the City London for 2018/19. It is therefore with a sense of privilege and enthusiasm that I offer myself to the Livery at the election to be held at **Common Hall in Guildhall on Monday 25th June 2018 at 12 noon**. If a poll is demanded, I ask you for your further support by voting in my favour at the ballot on **Monday 9 July 2018**, also at **Guildhall**.

I was born in Dublin on 1st July 1965 and was educated at St Michael's College, Dublin, then I graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Civil Law in 1986 and from Trinity College, Dublin with a Master in Letters in 1989. I was called to the Irish Bar in 1988.

I have lived and worked in London since 1989. Since my admission as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales in 1992 I have been a banking and finance lawyer in private practice. I am a partner in international law firm, DLA Piper, where I am the international co-chair of the financial services sector. My clients are a mix of corporate and financial institutions in the UK and Europe for whom I work on debt finance and complex capital markets transactions. I am recognised as a leading practitioner in my area by the principal legal directories. I was a member of the Committee of the City of London Law Society from 2006 to 2013 and served as President of the City of London Law Society in 2014/15.

Elected as Alderman for the Ward of Farringdon Within in 2013, I am Senior Patron of the Farringdon Ward Club. I have been a member of a number of committees of the City of London Corporation, including Finance, Planning & Transportation and City Bridge Trust. I currently serve as a member of the Freedom Applications Committee. I have travelled with the Lord Mayor on two overseas visits in the past year. I am a member of the Court of The Honourable The Irish Society, a Governor of the City of London School and am chairman of the Samuel Wilson's Loan Trust, where we are inviting the Livery to encourage disadvantaged young people to apply for loans for their new businesses. I am the Court of Aldermen's representative trustee on the board of the Sir John Soane's Museum, where I chair the Audit and Risk Committee, and a trustee of The Lord Mayor's Appeal.

I am a passionate supporter of the Livery. I had the privilege of serving as Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company in 2014/15 and am Under Warden of the Woolmen's Company, a Liveryman of the Distillers' Company and also of the Spectacle Makers' Company. I am a member of the City Livery Club.

Amanda and I married in 1993. She worked as an intensive care/high dependency nursing sister in two London hospitals for a number of years. She now volunteers two/three days per week with the west London charity for the homeless, Glass Door, where she cooks in the day shelter at the Chelsea Methodist Church. She is a Liveryman of the Fletchers' Company and a member of the Guild of Nurses. Subject to my election, she is looking forward to supporting me as Sheriff.

My interests include the theatre, opera and music, tennis and riding. I chair the board of the contemporary vocal ensemble, Exaudi, and am a director of Actors Touring Company.

My interest in a career in the City of London was fired in the mid-1980's, a time of change for the City. I have experienced and benefited from the wonderful opportunities provided by the City. As it again faces a period of change I am certain that the City of London can and will remain the pre-eminent global centre for financial and related services. If elected I will do my utmost to uphold the fine traditions of the Shrieval office. It would be a privilege to use my professional experience to support the Lord Mayor's and City of London Corporation's programme of promoting the City in all its aspects and the UK's financial and related business and professional services sector.

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

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent Keaveny". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Vincent Keaveny**  
Alderman and Solicitor

Admission to Guildhall  
on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
is by a Pass Card  
obtainable from your Livery  
Company Clerk