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ELECTION OF SHERIFFS FOR THE CITY OF LONDON

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to inform you that, with the encouragement of many friends in the Livery and of my family, I shall offer myself for election to the High Office of Sheriff in **COMMON HALL** at **GUILDHALL** on **FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 1994 at 12 NOON.**

I seek election in order to give the firmest support to the Civic Team throughout the ensuing year in its many contacts with the worlds of finance and industry, both at home and abroad.

I was born in London in 1930 and was educated at Colet Court and St. Paul's School before reading law at Jesus College Cambridge. I was called to the Bar.

My career has spanned the public service, the City, and many aspects of industry from small and medium sized firms in which I worked for 16 years, to major companies with which I had contact in my time at the Bank of England. I am now a Director of a number of PLCs, including The Great Universal Stores PLC.

In the Civil Service I served in a central department; among the tasks I was given was the founding of the Public Appointments Unit in 1975. I was an Under Secretary when I transferred to the Bank at their invitation to direct PRO NED - whose task it was to promote the wider use of non-executive directors. In 1988 I was appointed an Adviser to the Governors. My work was concerned with industry and its interface with the financial world.

During those years I made a special study of Corporate Governance for the Bank, which early perceived its importance as an element in the country's prosperity. My book on the systems in five countries, "Keeping Good Company" was recently published. I am a member of the Cadbury Committee and other committees at home and in the USA.

I very much hope that my wide range of experience can be put to good use in support of the Civic Team.

I joined the Worshipful Company of Upholders in 1955, and the City Livery Club, and the Portsoken Ward Club at about the same time. I served as Master of the Upholders for two successive years, in 1979/80 and 1980/81. I also had the honour to be a member of the Lord Mayor's No. 1 Consultative Committee for seven years, until my retirement from the Bank of England in June 1993. During that time I had the privilege of accompanying Sir Alexander Graham on his mayoral tour of the Far East and Sir Francis McWilliams on his visit to Poland. I was a member of the City Transportation Task Force under Mr Peter Rigby and also of the committee which plans mayoral visits overseas.

I would not offer myself without the wholehearted support of my wife Moira who I married in 1954 and who is a cousin of a former Lord Mayor, the late Sir Samuel Joseph Bt. She has done tireless voluntary work in London hospitals, first Westminster Children's and for the last decade the Brompton and National Heart Hospital. Our daughter and two sons are married and we have been blessed with six grandchildren.

If elected I will do my utmost to justify the confidence of the Livery and uphold the dignity and traditions of the City of London and to promote its interests.

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

Your obedient servant,

Jonathan Charkham

Jonathan Charkham
Citizen and Upholder