



Election of Sheriffs for the City of London
Wednesday 24th June 2026
Candidature of Alderman Prem Goyal CBE



To the Liverymen of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured that my colleagues on the Court of Aldermen support my nomination as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the City of London for 2026-27. I therefore humbly offer myself to the Livery at the election to be held at Common Hall in the Guildhall on Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 12 noon.

Growing up in India, I attended the local comprehensive school and studied civil engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology. Thanks to a scholarship, I then completed a master's in engineering at Clarkson University in New York, followed by an MBA at UCLA in California. With the guidance of my mentors, I worked in institutional sales at Goldman Sachs on Wall Street, consulted with investment banks in Tokyo and Zurich, and went on to establish and run Global Markets Consultants, a banking consultancy in London, specialising in credit derivatives projects with Deutsche Bank globally. During this time, I proudly became a British citizen in 2006. As Founding Chair of the City of London Chamber of Commerce (2021-24), I helped convene, collaborate with, and champion the approximately 22,000 businesses of the Square Mile. Currently, I chair the board of Greengage and sit on the boards of Dolma Impact Fund II and the Federation of Small Businesses, reflecting my commitment to fintech innovation and sustainable growth.

Public service is central to my life. Elected as a Common Councillor for Bishopsgate and subsequently as Alderman of Portsoken in 2017, I have had the privilege of serving on many committees, including Audit and Risk Management (Chair, 2023-26), Finance, and Investment. In support of the financial and professional services sector, I have accompanied the Lord Mayor and the Policy Chair of the Corporation on visits to India, the US, Switzerland, and Northern Ireland. I have also contributed to City Giving Day, the Lord Mayor's Appeal, the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch, the British Red Cross Guildhall Christmas Market and the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund.

I believe the office of Sheriff plays a vital role in upholding the rule of law, working alongside the judiciary, and connecting the City's historic traditions with its modern civic responsibilities. The Livery has become an integral part of my life, and I greatly value its traditions and fellowship. I am a Liveryman of the World Traders' and Plumbers' Companies, a Freeman of the Goldsmiths' Company and an Honorary Liveryman of the Marketors' and Constructors' Companies.

Beyond the Square Mile, I served as a magistrate for over 10 years, as a trustee of Shelter and as a governor of a sixth-form college in Tower Hamlets. I was honoured to receive an OBE in 2013 and a CBE in 2025.

My Consort is Alex Hayward, Clerk to the Actuaries' Company. I am grateful to her for her expertise, Old Bailey experience and encouragement throughout this shrieval journey. We share a strong commitment to meritocracy and inclusiveness, values that have guided my own path. My interests include cricket, music and travel, having visited over 125 countries as well as both the North and South Poles.

Over the past 25 years, it has been a privilege to live and work in the City. I owe a great deal to those who guided me along my journey, and I have been fortunate to be surrounded by business leaders who opened doors and became mentors, offering opportunities that enabled me to develop and contribute. Having long valued the support I received, I remain committed to giving back to the City and to the communities that have made me feel so welcome, and I would be honoured to help ensure the same opportunities are available for the next generation.

If elected, I will work to advance the modern mayoralty as championed by the Lady Mayor and her successors across 2026 and 2027. It would be a great privilege to work closely with my fellow Sheriff, the Recorder and the distinguished judges, and to promote the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund.

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

Alderman Prem Goyal CBE