

LONDON ASSEMBLY MANIFESTO '24

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CPA's 1&2 list
candidates:

- ▶ **MAUREEN MARTIN**
- ▶ **SIMEON ADEMOLAKE**

KNIFE CRIME & THEFT

Provide kinship mentors, supervised youth centres. Anger management, self control and empathy workshops. Met police empowered to catch thieves.

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Prohibition of pornography and violence. Building resilient parental relationships through housing strategy.

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CHARGES**

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Sid Cordle MBE - Leader's Introduction

In this May 2024 London Assembly election, we are fighting confidently to get our first representatives onto London's elected body. We need 100,000 votes for one representative, and 200,000 for two from the whole of London. We have an excellent list of candidates for the Assembly, headed by our No.1 candidate, Maureen Martin, and our No. 2 candidate, Pastor Simeon Ademolake, who was previously a CPA Councillor; and we also have a strong manifesto for London which I commend to you.

Most political parties are devoid of ideas, churning out similar policies year after year, and then, in power, failing to deliver very much. The CPA offers a radical alternative which will transform society. We understand the needs of business, which is why we have a national policy of getting rid of commercial rates, paid for by the proceeds from our Turnover Tax. We're not going to try and stop people buying online, but we are going to ensure there is a level taxation field between those who buy online and those who buy in a shop. Our policies will ensure this. Then, with business supported, we will have the money to care for the poor and outcast. London has to be an example to other capitals by putting the poorest at the heart of its policies.



The biggest long term issue facing London today is crime. Almost daily some young teenager in London is knifed to death. Instead of getting to grips with serious violence the Metropolitan Police are arresting street preachers, and were even [abusive to a young 20 year-old musician singing gospel songs](#). We will restore Christian values to London. For a real and lasting reduction in crime, we need to tackle its root causes. If Christian values of loving both our neighbour and our enemies, and forming lasting stable relationships, are followed perfectly then real crime would effectively cease. Simply promoting such values will positively impact our crime rates. We will also work with offenders when they come out of prison to ensure they have somewhere to live, and are helped and supported back into society, to cut re-offending. The by-product of this will be safer streets, better parenting, and a happier society.

We will also focus on moral education, preventing the sexualisation of children, supporting families, and protecting life from conception until natural death. These core values of the CPA may be unique to our party at present, but they are God's values and the values our nation so desperately needs — not just to survive, but to thrive. If you believe in them, please vote for us on 2nd May 2024 wherever you can. If you have no candidate then please think about standing for us yourself next time. The more candidates we have the more we will get our message out across the nation. Every voice and every vote will make the CPA message that little bit louder.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sid Cordle'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Sid Cordle MBE

Leader, Christian Peoples Alliance

A note on our London Assembly Manifesto

The Christian Peoples Alliance recognises that the Mayor of London is responsible for a budget of £17bn, which is used, among other things, to run transport, police and fire services, build affordable homes, and promote London's economy. Part of the Council Tax levied by London's councils is set by the Mayor to help fund these services. The CPA has detailed policies which cover each area of responsibility. Under each heading, we look at the responsibilities and then detail our policies in those areas. The role of the Mayor of London is fluid, so there is also a possibility that we may be able to influence policy in other areas of our [national manifesto](#) not covered here. Where we can, we will.

Health

Health is one of the most critical areas for all Londoners. Through the London Health Board, the Mayor works in conjunction with London Boroughs and the NHS, following the devolution of health in December 2015. The London Assembly is responsible for reviewing health and well-being on public health issues such as alcohol misuse, obesity and reviewing progress on health inequalities and the devolution of health responsibilities.

The "10 key areas" and [current vision](#) of the London Health Board can be found on their [website](#).

Promoting the Health of Londoners through Partnership

The CPA is committed to improving the health and well-being of all residing in London, encouraging personal responsibility and providing high-quality health care wherever needed, regardless of through whom that is provided — the State, charities, voluntary organisations, or private companies. The CPA will seek to encourage and facilitate differing forms of partnership, suitable for local circumstances, mostly involving the NHS; with local authorities, charities, non-profit and for-profit organisations and, above all, with patients. Health innovations through such **partnerships will include:**

- **Promoting holistic patient-centred care** — the emphasis will be on encouraging and supporting individuals and families to take responsibility for their fitness, natural health, and well-being.
- **Prevention and self-cure programmes** – in particular relating to smoking, obesity, and exercise; workplace health schemes and incentives; alcohol, excess sugar and salt.
- **Involving carers fully** in that planning, including respite planning

- **Integrating health and social care funding, with clinical support.** We will run further pilot schemes where care homes and intermediate care homes can provide long-term patient accommodation at a lower cost.
- Local authorities will be encouraged to do what they can to **Increase the provision of good quality terminal, palliative and respite care for infants, children and adults**, whether in their own homes or in hospices.
- **Transparency** — ensure that the consequences of sexual promiscuity are emphasised, such as increased abortions and sexually transmitted diseases. The health and well-being benefits of faithful marriage will be promoted.
- The benefits of Natural Family Planning (NFP) will be promoted, and information and training on NFP and fertility awareness provided, especially for married couples. Where information is provided to women concerning contraception this should always include the known health risks of various methods, as well as which methods are potentially abortifacient.

Restoring a Pro-life Ethic to Health and Social Care.

Restoring a pro-life ethic across health and social care at every level involves every member of staff seeking first to do no harm, and never seeking deliberately to end or destroy innocent human life; secondly, doing their best to save the life and/or assist in the healing of a patient; and, finally, where life is coming to an end, to provide the best care for the best possible quality of life. All care services should always seek to cure and alleviate suffering, but never kill, and such practices as abortion and euthanasia, whether by act of omission, as well as being wrong in themselves, always corrupt the medical culture and sap the will of society to care for the vulnerable.

Other CPA Policies which relate to health (e.g., air pollution, safeguarding cyclists, provision of housing, etc, will be found in the relevant sections of this Manifesto)

The CPA will also sponsor an awareness campaign about the miracle of pregnancy, and the development and human dignity of unborn babies, as well as promoting natural childbirth.

Crime and Policing

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) is the strategic oversight body which sets the direction and budget for the Metropolitan Police Service on behalf of the Mayor. It ensures that the Metropolitan Police Service is run efficiently and effectively, and holds it, and other criminal justice services, to account. The work of MOPAC is examined by the London Assembly's Police and Crime Committee, which also reviews the police and crime plan for London. Operational policing decisions are neither made by the Mayor, nor by the London Assembly.

Restorative Justice will be implemented with the following initiatives:

- The CPA believes in restorative justice. Our policy will be for all offenders to meet with victims where appropriate, and where the victims are willing, so that offenders come to understand fully the consequences of their crimes on others. Simply putting people in prison, and expecting them to reoffend, is not good enough. Protecting the public, however, will always be our first priority.

Strengthening marriage and the family will result in a real and lasting reduction in crime, as this directly addresses the root causes of crime. If Christian values of loving both our neighbour and our enemies are followed perfectly then real crime would effectively cease. However, although perfection may not necessarily be attained by mankind in its fallen state, simply promoting such values throughout society will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our crime rates. The by-product of this will be safer streets, better parenting, and a happier society. We aim to eliminate the yob culture and the “me first” society. The CPA’s focus is not simply on punishing but also on restoring the offender.

- We will make sure that no one leaves prison without somewhere to live. At the moment too many prisoners are being released onto the streets and left with no money, and expected to make a benefit claim that takes months to be processed.
- We want a new focus on more effectively dealing with criminal gangs, with support-targeted initiatives in each area, especially those dealing with knife crime.
- We will ensure that the Metropolitan Police’s directives are reset so that **real crimes** such as violent crime, inciting violence, supporting terrorism, burglary, theft, and knife crime are prioritised; and Police time and resources will no longer be wasted on pursuing “thought crimes”, such as internet “hate incidents”, “causing offence”, and unjust attempts to stop street preaching and other free public expressions of ideas.
- We want more focus on tackling drug and alcohol dependency at its root with education and awareness. We would devote resources to make sure that human trafficking is eliminated in London.
- We will foster an atmosphere of personal responsibility and good manners in London, beginning in the schools, so London is a welcoming city to everyone who comes here.
- We totally support making the London Underground alcohol-free, and where alcohol-related crime is substantial, we will extend that to other places.

Tackling Fraud in the Capital

We want stronger links between the Metropolitan Police, the City of London Police, the Serious Fraud Office, and HMRC, to deal with fraud issues and tax scandals — many of which are far bigger issues of theft than stealing on the streets. The police should be talking regularly with HMRC

officials to ensure that the officials themselves are dealing with any criminal activity they become aware of, in the right way. We want London to be a corruption-free city.

Transport

Transport in London is managed by Transport for London (TfL). The Mayor sets the budget and appoints the board of TfL. The Mayor develops the strategy for transport across London and looks at the ways Londoners get about in the capital. The London Assembly holds TfL to account, reviewing its budget and performance. The Assembly also oversees the operation and budget of London Travel Watch, the capital's transport users' committee.

Make Cycling Safer

As a matter of urgency, we want to see further measures to improve the safe experience of cyclists and encourage more to take up this environmentally and health-friendly means of transport.

We would implement the following measures:

- Discussions with cycling groups to best determine the needs of cyclists and their safety; for instance, to allocate resources to increase physical separation between cyclists and vehicles.
- Have safer left-hand turns where required.
- Introduce traffic light priority for cyclists and promote the use of pedestrian crossings for cyclists.
- Look at introducing additional lorry driver/cyclist training and further lorry design so as to eliminate blind spots, especially when turning left.
- As with other road users (e.g., motorcyclists having helmets, car passengers wearing seatbelts), cyclists also have responsibilities for their own safety and well-being, and we will consider ways of requiring appropriate safety helmets and jackets for cyclists in London.
- To recognise the importance of cycling throughout London, along with other forms of transport (whilst keeping rebranding costs to a minimum), we will rename Transport for London, "Transports for London".

Transports for London

We will implement further measures on TFL to improve the overall service:

- Step free access for all London stations
- We now propose a new Oyster for London residents (at a small charge) that will include a whole range of discounts for London residents, including a, a young person's Oyster for those 18-21, and a Family Oyster for those who travel with children. These will carry substantial discounts from the tourist fare. It will be possible for people who live elsewhere in the UK to buy the cards that offer discounts. We want London to be tourist friendly, but tourists should expect to pay a higher price than those who use London transport constantly, because they live and work here.
- The CPA believes a new Thames Gateway bridge at Thamesmead is long overdue and should now, as a priority, be built. This will be a toll bridge priced at the same price or cheaper than the Dartford crossing, but paid for the same way. This will enable those who live in postcodes around the bridge to be given free travel.
- Capital projects will sustain and strengthen London, which is the engine room for the whole British economy. Under the CPA they will be well planned and delivered.
- We would encourage live travel information to be available on an increasing number of bus stops, and, if one is removed, we will ensure it is replaced.
- We would guarantee that if a bus stop is closed due to road works a temporary one is set up as near as possible. We will carefully examine the way equipment is stored on a road to minimise bus stop closures.

The Environment

The Mayor develops strategies to address environmental issues in London, such as air quality, water, noise, "climate change", and public spaces. The Mayor appoints members of the board of the Royal Parks Agency, and is directly responsible for Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square. The London Assembly reviews the Mayor's environmental strategy, recommends improvements to it, and tests the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery.

CPA policies:

- We would consult on introducing stricter MOT requirements to deal with the most toxic emissions from vehicles. We would focus on declared emissions from the manufacturer, verified by independent testing, not necessarily the age of the vehicle.
- We will also provide a properly funded scrappage scheme for older vehicles with unacceptable levels of toxic emissions.

- We would oppose and remove any London-wide 20mph speed limits, and allow local boroughs to introduce what they believe is necessary in their area for the purposes of pedestrian safety.
- In order to minimise car journeys into London and cut pollution, we will introduce larger new Park and Ride schemes from the major M25 exits (consulting where they should be), so that people can drive to an M25 park and get a train into the centre of London, or to other parts of the capital, without driving there. This policy should then help us make London's roads safer and less congested.
- We will pilot a car-sharing lane on the M25 which can only be used where there are 3 or more people in the car and see if it is effective in reducing the number of cars on the road.
- We will do a complete review of public toilet facilities in London and see how these can be re-established safely, and improved for the benefit of all, especially tourists.
- We will do a review of the effectiveness of street signs in the capital and see what improvements can be made.

Housing

The Mayor is responsible for developing a housing strategy and investing in London's housing – including for new affordable homes – to meet the needs of London's growing population. The housing strategy also addresses issues such as homelessness, social housing, landlords, and renting. The London Assembly reviews the Mayor's housing strategy, recommends improvements to it, and tests the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery.

There are still too many adults who are homeless, and with nowhere to go. We would propose as a major plank of our housing strategy for London paying for night shelters in every area where there is a need, which will include somewhere to sleep, a hot meal, and shower facilities. This will be available for anyone who needs it, who is not involved with drug or alcohol abuse, or, for safeguarding reasons, is unable to take advantage of these facilities. People in this latter category will be given specialist support to assist them. It's time for London to stop turning its back on the poor and leaving care only to charities. People who make use of night shelters, or have been given specialist support, will be given priority for permanent housing, as it will be obvious that they are homeless. London will not be able to solve these problems on their own, but can pioneer this work as a blueprint for the whole country.

Where children are found sleeping rough, we would refer them to social services for professional care and support.

All the work we do will be in partnership with other agencies and charities. We will do a complete assessment of the needs of all those using night shelters.

To implement the above we would:

- Seek to increase socially rented and affordable homes by encouraging self-build schemes, together with encouraging full implementation of such units being provided in larger schemes, and full implementation of Community Infrastructure Levy on smaller schemes. It cannot be right that the gap in housing provision continues to grow at the expense of those who have least.
- Rents are far too high on the western side of London. We would do what we can to encourage investment in the east (this is already happening with Canary Wharf), but the process must continue with careful planning. As areas in the east are cleared, we want a housing strategy that will make the east of London an attractive place to live, including green open spaces as well as new technology centres and new commerce centres.
- If a new airport is built in the Thames Estuary, as is our policy, this will create a vast new development site, some of which will be available for housing.

Rebuilding London's High Streets:

As shopping in traditional shopping centres is replaced by large out-of-town shopping facilities, such as Westfield or Bluewater, we will create more homes by implementing the following measures:

- We will seek to rebuild traditional shopping centres to include housing provision, to restore life to them, and to reduce the necessity for housing on green sites.
- We will seek to locate good quality sheltered housing close to town centres, with full access to shops.
- We will also bring in capital improvement grants for retailers, to convert unused floor space above shops into living accommodation, to ensure that accommodation above commercial centre shops is used for housing.
- We will encourage the use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders and lobby for these to be extended to those properties that remain empty for 12 months, even if not causing a 'nuisance', with compulsory purchase powers to be used where necessary so as to increase the availability of low-cost housing.
- Our national policy is to use a new Turnover Tax to abolish business rates completely in order to create a level playing field for those who shop online with those who shop on the high street. This must be done as soon as possible to save shopping centres.

Planning and Development

The Mayor develops a planning strategy for London which sets out a vision for the development of the capital for decades to come. In certain cases, the Mayor may act as the planning authority for London, with the power to approve or reject planning applications for large developments. The London Assembly reviews the Mayor's planning strategy, recommends improvements to it, and tests the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery.

CPA policies:

- Planning rules must be exercised fairly and equally. Steps must always be taken to encourage commercial development and job creation, but only in a way that is sensitive to the development of the city. There will be a major focus on the east and southeast of the city, as this is where the largest changes are taking place.
- Central to our planning strategy across London will be access for disabled people and the safety of children, pedestrians, and cyclists. We will also ensure adequate safe play areas for children.
- We want the design of buildings to be of the highest quality and to fit with the image of London that is smart and progressing well. Both private and public developments will have to meet high standards of sustainable construction, including energy efficiency, water conservation, reuse of building waste, and the use of solar power. CPA will ensure that new developments should have an "A" energy rating.
- We will use planning and licensing powers to restrict gambling, sex shops, and sex club outlets, seeking to bring such establishments back into local authority, and thus democratic, control.
- We want proper and effective consultation for local people on all planning matters, including the right of appeal against a grant of planning permission. We would greatly simplify the appeals process.

Economic Development and Regeneration

The Mayor develops an economic development strategy, and champions the city at home and abroad. The Mayor works to promote a strong economy in London, to support local economies, and to help Londoners to create wealth. The Mayor works closely with businesses and London's councils, and through the London Enterprise Panel. The London Assembly reviews the Mayor's economic development strategy, recommends improvements to it, and tests the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery.

CPA policies:

- The CPA is concerned to encourage businesses in London to develop in an ethical manner. We are committed to rooting out all forms of commercial crime, fraud and scams, and to help ensure businesses created and developed here are sustainable in the long term.

- We are committed to the growth of the City of London / Canary Wharf as the leading finance centre in the world alongside New York, but to be free from any corruption. This includes tax evasion, MTIC fraud, and bribery, all of which must have no place in the City of London.
- We will actively seek out and welcome new industries to London that are conducted ethically.
- Tourism is a major source of finance for London, and we will work with tour operators to make sure that tourists feel welcome and safe when they come to London and are offered an enjoyable experience.
- We will always look to develop new attractions for tourists. London is already developing as a major information technology centre in the world, with new innovations.
- London has some wonderful green areas in its heart, and a green belt surrounding it. We are committed to preserving these and to see large new parks being developed in the east of the City. We want a network of greenways to be developed, where possible, to encourage enjoyable walking and running routes throughout the city.
- The CPA would seek to make some premier London locations, such as its wonderful green spaces, available for wedding celebrations.
- Our policy of relocating London's main airport to the Thames Estuary will have major planning implications for several areas. Large parts of Heathrow will be redeveloped and major new transport links will be required using both rail and road. We will ensure that this development is done with full consultation of those most affected.

Other Policies

Promoting a culture of life

Wherever possible, we will also govern London with reference to our current [national manifesto](#). We will use the London Assemblies' power to give grants to promote respect for life and the hospice movement, begun in London by Dame Cecily Saunders. We will support the idea of a special hospice in London for very young children with terminal illnesses or severe disabilities, similar to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice (www.zoes-place.org.uk).

- In light of the fact that 41,455 abortions were performed in London in 2021 the CPA would affirm life choices by providing support and counselling for those in crisis pregnancy situations, to ensure that coercion is replaced with informed consent.
- To demonstrate our commitment to a culture of life, we would welcome, support and promote widely the annual March for Life in London.

Effective Partnerships.

Everything we do in London will be done in partnership with proper charities (churches are charities, and we prefer this terminology to *faith groups*), who are already doing a wonderful job in many areas to help the poor and marginalised. We don't want to take over their work, but we want to support and empower them to do more, and in some case will offer greater financial support.

To promote this policy, we would:

- Ensure that all our policies are in support of the family, not supplanting the role of the family.
- Conduct a review of agencies funded by the Mayor, or for which the Mayor is responsible, to ensure that they do not promote violence, pornography, anti-life, or anti-family, values and policies.
- We would ban all marches that encourage or promote violence against others (except in self-defence), and all forms of terrorism.

