



Election of the Mayor for Hackney

You now need to take valid photo ID when voting at a polling station

Thursday 9 November 2023

YOUR VOTE MATTERS
DON'T LOSE IT



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On **Thursday 9 November 2023**, electors in Hackney will have the opportunity to vote for the person they want to be Mayor of Hackney until 2026.

The elected Mayor leads the Council and its full range of services. It is different to a ceremonial Mayor; in Hackney this role is carried out by the Speaker of Hackney.

This booklet must be sent to you by law¹. It is produced by Dawn Carter-McDonald, the Returning Officer, and contains an election address – or statement – from all of those candidates for Mayor who chose to be included. The content is the responsibility of the candidates themselves, provided they comply with legal requirements, and the views expressed are theirs'. Their names and details appear in random order, which is determined by drawing lots.

This booklet also includes information on how to vote.

¹ The Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.

You must now show a valid photo ID in order to vote in person at a polling station.

This is due to changes to election laws which came into force earlier this year.

You can find out what ID is acceptable towards the back of this booklet.






If you don't have a valid ID, you can apply for a special government-issued Voter Authority Certificate (VAC).

You need to apply by **5pm** on **Wednesday, 1 November 2023**.

This can be done by searching 'Voter Authority Certificate' online.

If you need help, call: **020 8356 3232**.

The candidates for Mayor for Hackney

	Surname	First Name	Description
	Valent	Annoesjka	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition
	Woodley	Caroline	Labour Party Candidate
	de Denev	Simon	Liberal Democrats
	Garbett	Zoë	Green Party
	Smorthit	Peter	Independent
	Steinberger	Simche	The Conservative and Unionist Party Candidate

VOTE TUSC FOR COUNCIL HOMES AND RENT CONTROLS

- **Build council homes!** Thousands of high-quality, sustainable council homes to clear the 13,500-long waiting list. Seize empty properties
- **No to Hackney's sky-high private rents!** Rent controls now, and create council jobs to enforce decent standards
- **Stop the land grab!** New developments like Morning Lane and Britannia must be 100% council homes, with plans agreed by the community. Not 75-90% unaffordable private housing like now!

VOTE TUSC TO FIGHT THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

- **A workers' mayor on a worker's wage!** I am a longstanding local anti-cuts campaigner, trade union organiser and Socialist Party member. I will only take a worker's wage if elected. Not the bloated £89k the ousted mayor was living on!
- **Stop the squeeze!** No council tax hikes – fight for the funding our borough needs from Westminster. Support trade union struggle for wage rises – make the super-rich pay
- **Fight pollution, not the poor!** For a free-to-use, publicly owned transport system. No to public transport cuts and new driving and parking charges. For genuine, democratic consultation with communities, workers and surrounding areas on road closures
- **Save our services!** The Socialist Party and me have been consistent in standing on the picket lines and with the community campaigns against every cut. We say: reverse all cuts and privatisation of community resources
- **Islington provides free school meals – why can't Hackney?**

VOTE TUSC BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE A FUTURE

- **Restore Hackney's closed youth centres** and expand youth services
- **Stop the school closures!** Reduce class sizes to improve education instead
- **Child Q – never again.** Replace the punitive culture the council has allowed in schools with a pastoral culture. School unions, students, parents and the community must be in charge
- **Kick profit out of education!** Fight for free university tuition and vocational training. Stop 'academy' school conversions
- **Invest in socially useful job creation** with real living wages and trade union conditions
- **End low pay!** For a £15-an-hour minimum wage without youth exemptions, and above-inflation pay rises

**TUSC
AGAINST
CUTS**

TUSC – the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition – is standing because Labour now act just like the Tories. We are an alliance of socialist groups, trade unionists and community campaigners. Working-class and young people need a voice!
www.tusc.org.uk

FIND OUT MORE
Annoesjka Valent is a member of the Socialist Party, part of TUSC. Find out more about Socialist ideas:



GET INVOLVED



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VOTE ANNOESJKA VALENT



**TUSC
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CUTS**

A fighting, socialist mayor for the working class

WORKING-CLASS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN HACKNEY HAVE BEEN LET DOWN.

Mayors and councillors from all of the main parties choose to pass on Tory government cuts rather than fight for us. They have slashed over £200 million of jobs and services in real terms.

As a socialist mayor I would start rebuilding the jobs and homes we need – and send the bill to Number 10. TUSC fights alongside workers, unions and the community to win more resources from government and the super-rich.

This mayoral election will decide who negotiates for our borough with both the present government – and the next one. The council and mayor in Hackney have complied with Tory government austerity, and if we elect more of the same, they will try to comply all the more with Starmer government austerity.

Among many other attacks, this council tried to close Fernbank and Hillside children's centres. So who would best represent our borough as a fighter? I am a

member of the Socialist Party, part of TUSC. We supported the campaign that saved those children's centres and have fought every cut.

By leading a mass campaign, councils could start doing everything written opposite – and more – tomorrow. Hackney Council has over £345 million in 'usable' reserves to kick things off. But to win that fight, working-class people also need a new, mass party that stands up for us.

And we need a new way of running society, based on public ownership and democratic planning to benefit the majority, not private profit for the billionaires.

WE NEED SOCIALIST CHANGE!

PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday 7 November at 7pm

*Dalston CLR James Library
(Education Room)*

Dalston Square, E8 3BQ

ALL WELCOME!

TRUSTED TO DELIVER

A great local Council

- **Excellent** schools, award-winning parks and leisure centres, thriving markets and stronger services for all
- **Investment** in our communities to make Hackney the best place to grow up, gain skills and age well

A clean, safe and thriving borough

- **Cleaner**, greener, safer and healthier streets for every community
- **A Hackney** Green New Deal to tackle climate change, with good green jobs for local people

A strong voice for Hackney

- **Standing up** for Hackney against Tory cuts, investing in young people and defending our NHS
- **Action** on the cost-of-living crisis, with help for residents and local businesses

Good homes for all

- **1000** new council homes for Hackney people
- **Better** customer services, maintenance and repairs for Council tenants and leaseholders, and stronger protection for private renters

X **Vote Caroline Woodley**
Your Labour candidate
on **Thursday 9th November**

Caroline Woodley

“ Hackney is a special place where you can be yourself - a borough of solidarity, culture and innovation. There's nowhere else I'd rather be.

But as a proud single mum, having raised my son here, I also understand the deep challenges many people face - particularly after so many years of Tory cuts and chaos.

As a councillor and cabinet member, I have a track record of delivering for Hackney: investing in our family hubs, play areas and green spaces while increasing school places for children with special educational needs.

As your next Mayor, I will work with our Hackney Labour team to support local businesses, take bold action on the climate crisis and do everything in my power to defend those in greatest need.


I will create lasting opportunities for people not just to survive, but to thrive.


And I will always stand up for our brilliant borough, in all our diversity. ”


Caroline Woodley


Labour candidate for Mayor of Hackney

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WORKING

TOGETHER

FOR A

BETTER

HACKNEY



Simon

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS DE DENEY

SHAKE

IT

UP!



Scan the QR code to
share **YOUR** views.

What would **YOU** change at the Town Hall?

More Council Homes

I've raised two kids in Hackney. We love it - and I want my boys to be able to afford to stay here- but that means building homes for Hackney people - not just setting targets, but meeting them.

A Lib Dem-led council will aim to build 12,000 new council homes in the next ten years.

Beyond LTNs

Reducing traffic and pollution needs to be a priority - it's something I'm passionate about as a cyclist.

But there are only so many roads you can close - We need to refocus on promoting walking and cycling with **improved infrastructure, signage and community outreach.**

Tackling Violence

Liberal Democrats have been calling for years for a new approach to violent crime in Hackney.

I would set up a Violence Reduction Unit - working across agencies to tackle all forms of violence, at home and on the streets. This proven system could make everyone in Hackney safer and save lives.

Protecting our Parks

Green space is precious - and vital for everybody's wellbeing. But many of our local spaces are run by politicians elsewhere in London and often closed for profitable private events.

Lib Dems across East London are campaigning to **bring parks like Victoria, Finsbury and the Olympic Park into joint community management.**

People Power

Hackney's great strength is its diversity - **but all the power is held by one man, one party and in one place** - at the Town Hall.

I would reform the Council to bring in more outside voices and turn council meetings into real people's forums.

And I would devolve local decisions to elected community councils.

Speaking Up

Across the country, people want an alternative to the Tories.

Brexit was a disaster, their treatment of refugees is simply inhuman and they are still not doing enough to combat climate change.

In parliament, in the media and in elections all over the country, the people standing up and speaking out are the Liberal Democrats.

Learn more or Volunteer at www.hackneylibdems.org.uk

FOR A FAIRER,

GREENER HACKNEY

PEOPLE POWER

I want to give people more power over their homes, communities and livelihoods and open the council up to more public scrutiny.

- Residents involved in decision-making from the start, instead of meaningless ‘consultations’.
- Strengthen the voices of young people and community groups.
- Supporting a referendum to abolish the post of Mayor, removing decision-making power from one person and giving it back to councillors who represent residents.

HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING AND HOUSING

Everyone deserves a safe, secure and affordable home but Hackney is facing growing inequality. I will use all the council's powers to cut household costs and urgently address the housing crisis.

- Explore all avenues to accelerate 100% council tax reductions for those who need it.
- Cut energy bills by insulating and improving homes.
- Bring empty homes back into use and explore new ways to fund more social housing.

ACTION ON THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

Last year I successfully pushed the council administration to bring forward its net-zero target to 2030. But the council still isn't making the changes we need to avoid catastrophic climate breakdown. I will:

- Establish a proper Citizens' Assembly to guide our climate strategy.
- Appoint a Biodiversity Officer to ensure our local habitats, green spaces and mature trees are protected.
- Work to end council investments in fossil fuels and in companies that profit from international conflict and arms.

AN INCLUSIVE ECONOMY

I've campaigned for years to protect Ridley Road market for the community. I have a plan to ensure the local economy works for everybody.

- Use the council's buying power to create decent jobs for local people.
- Back workers and build strong relationships with unions.
- More community use and ownership of council space.

SAFER, HEALTHIER STREETS

Imagine if Hackney's roads put people first, not cars. I will make it easier for everyone to walk, wheel and cycle around the borough, or use public transport.

- Repair, widen and declutter our pavements, and create more protected, accessible cycle lanes.
- Cleaner air on every street, including main roads.
- Improve public transport with better step-free access.

SAFE COMMUNITIES

I recognise the need to address the root causes of crime, conflict and discrimination.

- Protect and look to increase investment in preventive and protective provision like youth services.
- Hold the Met Police to account and challenge racist and sexist policing – we urgently need a change in approach.
- Prioritise addressing violence against women and girls and road deaths.

ABOUT ZOË

- Leader of Hackney's Green Group and Dalston Councillor.
- Over 10 years' experience in senior roles in the public sector.
- Currently working in the NHS, reducing health inequalities.

“I got into politics because I cannot sit by and watch while people and issues are being ignored. I believe in taking action when you witness injustice.”

LAST YEAR, ZOË CAME SECOND IN THE MAYOR OF HACKNEY ELECTION. THIS TIME, VOTE FOR CHANGE AND ELECT HACKNEY'S FIRST GREEN MAYOR.

GARBETT, ZOË



“ Hackney is a great place to live, but too many people don't feel heard or are excluded from what makes Hackney great. I want to ensure the borough is run in the interests of people and planet.

I have made it my priority to listen to residents and hold the administration to account.

I led calls for the last Labour Mayor to resign when he misled the public, and for an independent investigation.

If you elect me as your first Green Mayor, I will put transparency at the heart of everything I do. ”

ZOË GARBETT

A GREEN MAYOR FOR HACKNEY



READ MORE ABOUT ZOË & HER PLAN FOR HACKNEY



HELP GET ZOË ELECTED



Green Party



PETER SMORTHIT



Hackney Deserves Better!



We need a genuine voice for residents



No to undemocratic LTNs

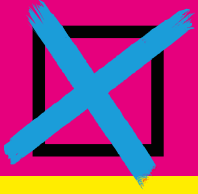
NO 2 ULEZ



Fight for disabled & vulnerable residents



For a democratic and accountable Town Hall



INDEPENDENT

HACKNEY DESERVES BETTER because we are tired of council policies like one-sided and undemocratic LTNs that divide communities and cause chaos.

HACKNEY DESERVES BETTER than leaders that toady up to fashionable pressure groups, crackpot causes and the concerns of an affluent minority, but treat working class, disabled and vulnerable residents with disdain and contempt.

HACKNEY DESERVES policies that are fair, considered and properly reflect the views and needs of everyone in our borough.

HACKNEY DESERVES a non-partisan Mayor who can collaborate with residents and businesses; is open to ideas; is tolerant and will listen to and debate, especially with arguments in disagreement.

HACKNEY DESERVES a Mayor who is committed to democracy, justice and fairness.

www.freeourstreets.uk/Peter4Mayor

Email freeourstreets21@gmail.com



Voter information

Every registered elector receives a poll card which explains when, where and how to vote.



For details of your polling station, you can also visit www.hackney.gov.uk/elections

Who can vote?

To vote in this election, your name must be included on the Register of Electors for Hackney. All registered British, Commonwealth, Irish and European Union citizens are entitled to vote. British overseas electors are not entitled to vote. All voters must be 18 years of age on or before Thursday 9 November 2023.

Postal voters

If you have registered for a postal vote, a pack will be posted to the address you requested arriving from Wednesday 25 October 2023. If you have not received it by Friday 3 November 2023, please email electoralservices@hackney.gov.uk or call **020 8356 3232**.

Please ensure your completed ballot is received by the Returning Officer before 10pm on Thursday 9 November 2023. If you forget to post it, you can drop it in at a polling station on the day of the election.

Proxy voters

You can appoint someone else to cast your vote on your behalf if you wish. Proxy voter applications must be received by the Council by 5pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023.

Emergency proxy voters

If you are unexpectedly taken ill or are suddenly called away for work purposes after 5pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023 and cannot go to vote in person you can appoint an emergency proxy to vote for you. You will have to give a reason why you cannot vote in person and your application must be supported by a doctor or your employer. To apply for a proxy vote visit www.hackney.gov.uk/ways-to-vote or call **020 8356 3232**.

How is the Mayor elected?

The count will take place on Friday 10 November 2023. The Mayor is now elected using the first past the post system.

This is due to changes in electoral law which came into force earlier this year. It means you will only have ONE vote for the candidate of your choice.

Frequently asked questions

When will the polling stations be open?

Polling stations will be open from 7am-10pm on Thursday 9 November 2023. The location of your polling station is printed on your poll card or can be found online.

I have lost my poll card, can I get another one?

If you are on the register, you don't need a poll card to vote, so another one won't be sent to you. You can attend the polling station and staff there will help you. The poll card is just to inform you that there is an election and explain where your polling station is. For help on your polling station, please visit www.hackney.gov.uk or call our elections helpline on **020 8356 3232**.

Why has every voter in my household been sent a booklet? That must cost a lot of money.

The law says that every registered voter must be sent their own copy, so they get a chance to see who the candidates are.

YOU MUST BRING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE


You will not be able to vote unless you show photographic identification to the polling station staff.



Accepted forms of photographic identification

You must present one of the following forms of photographic identification in order to vote in person at a polling station:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- A biometric immigration document
- An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- A Blue Badge
- A national identity card issued by an EEA state
- An Older Person's Bus Pass
- A Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- An Oyster 60+ Card
- A Freedom Pass
- A Scottish National Entitlement Card issued in Scotland
- A 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- A Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- A Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- An Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- A Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate







 If you do not possess any of the above forms of photographic identification, you can apply to your local Electoral Registration Officer for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Completed applications must reach us before 5pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023.

Apply online: <https://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/>

If your photographic identification document has expired it will still be accepted so long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you, unless it is a temporary Voter Authority Certificate which is not valid for use on the date of poll.

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is any discrepancy between your name as shown on your form of photographic identification and the name of the elector that you claim to be.

Sample ballot paper

Election of the Mayor for Hackney		
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice		
DE DENEY, Simon (address in London Borough of Hackney) Liberal Democrats		<input type="checkbox"/>
GARBETT, Zoë (address in London Borough of Hackney) Green Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
SMORTHIT, Peter Flat 3, Burt House, Aske Street, Hoxton, London N1 6LE Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
STEINBERGER, Simche (address in London Borough of Hackney) The Conservative and Unionist Party Candidate		<input type="checkbox"/>
VALENT, Annoesjka (address in London Borough of Hackney) Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition		<input type="checkbox"/>
WOODLEY, Caroline Rebecca (address in London Borough of Hackney) Labour Party Candidate		<input type="checkbox"/>

The Mayoral ballot paper will be white.

The ballot paper illustrated on this page is a guide only.

Key dates

Tuesday 24 October 2023:

Deadline for registering to vote (12midnight)

Wednesday 25 October 2023:

Deadline for postal vote applications (5pm)

Wednesday 1 November 2023:

Deadline for Voter Authority Certificates Applications (5pm)

Wednesday 1 November 2023:

Last date for proxy vote requests – this is where you appoint someone to vote for you (5pm)

Thursday 9 November May 2023:

Polling Day (7am–10pm)

Friday 10 November 2023:

Votes are counted and the new Mayor of Hackney is declared



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The law has changed.
Make sure you have the
right photo ID to vote.



UK, Channel Islands
or EEA driving licence



UK, Commonwealth
or EEA passport



Blue Badge
scheme card



National identity
card issued by
an EEA state



Free photo travel
pass like Oyster 60+
or a Freedom Pass



Biometric
Immigration
Document



PASS card issued by the
National Proof of Age
Standards Scheme bearing
the PASS hologram

You will need one of these
approved forms of photo ID.