



Election of Sheriffs for the City of London – Noon, Monday 26 June 2023

Candidature of Alderman Bronek Masojada

To the Liverymen of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen

My colleagues on the Court of Alderman support my nomination as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the City of London for 2023/2024. With a sense of privilege and enthusiasm I therefore present myself to the Livery at the election to be held at Common Hall in Guildhall at noon on Monday 26th June 2023.

I was born and brought up in Durban, South Africa. I was a pupil at Durban High School, before taking a degree in Civil Engineering at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Thanks to a Rhodes Scholarship, I studied at Trinity College, Oxford, receiving a M.Phil. in Management Studies.

After university I joined McKinsey & Company, the management consultants, working in Sydney, Tokyo and London. In December 2021, after 21 years as Chief Executive of Hiscox, the FTSE 100 insurer, I stepped down to pursue a more varied business life and as Chair of the East End Community Foundation. During my time at Hiscox I served in numerous industry roles, including as Deputy Chair of Lloyd's, the board of the Association of British Insurers and Pool Re.

Elected as Alderman of Billingsgate in 2019, I have served on the Planning & Transportation Committee and the Children & Community Services Committee. I have put my industry knowledge to work on the Fraud and Cyber Crime Committee and more recently the Audit and Risk Committee. I have learnt about some of the city's social challenges serving on the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-Committee.

In 2014 I served as Master Insurer and will shortly be admitted as a Craft Owning Freeman of the Waterman's and Lighterman's Guild. During the time that I served on the Court of the Insurers, we worked to create an insurance NED forum (iNED), an insurance woman's network (iWIN), updated the livery's governance and gained a Royal Charter. These initiatives re-connected the livery to the sector, so it now plays an expansive role in the evolving industry and society.

Jane, my wife, is a successful figurative and portrait artist. She is a freeman of the Feltmakers Company. We have five children; Adam who works in digital insurance; Michaela, a General Practitioner; Lara, a project manager in advertising; Dominik, an investment banker and Marek, who is studying History and Film, Radio and Television. Our daughter in law, Rosanna, is a vet and mother to our two granddaughters, Isla and Kiera, and our son in law Jack is involved in med-tech.

I believe that an effectively run and congenial City of London, well-regulated and with a sound legal system is critical to the success of its residents, workers and businesses. Dick Whittington, who died 600 years ago, used his influence to improve the City, providing alms houses, improving drainage and funding better sanitation. We should be inspired by him; supporting the Destination City initiatives which seek to restore the vibrancy of the Square Mile and greening and cultural programmes which make it an attractive place to be. I also believe that each of us has a role to play in helping the Dick Whittingtons of today and tomorrow, inviting them into the City, into our liveries and helping them overcome the barriers to their success.

As Sheriff I will seek to support our judiciary with their proven strength of character and independence, and with each of you, to promote our City and invite future Dick Whittingtons into our world.

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

Bronek Masojada
Alderman and Insurer