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Dear member,

I've lived in our area for over 15 years and have served people here as a local councillor and as Council Leader.

I don't have the typical background of a Westminster politician. I grew up in Northern Ireland in the midst of the Troubles, my parents moved there from India in 1958. At an early age I learnt the importance of a strong community, human rights and of celebrating difference and diversity.

My Dad started off as a door to door salesman, only being paid for what he could sell - that's one of the big reasons I support a living wage.

My background is important, because it's informed who I am and what I believe.

In over 15 years of commitment to this area I have put those beliefs and values into practice by fighting to keep local nurseries open, improving local NHS services, taking a stand nationally to defend free speech and the right to protest and defeating Michael Gove's attack on our schools as chair of governors at Haverstock School. But I know I can do so much more as our MP, I hope you'll consider giving me that chance.

Best wishes, Raj

My policy priorities

An end to Tory austerity

We cannot cut our way to a better economy or to reducing inequality. We must invest in jobs and skills. If we need to save money let's start with scrapping Trident and HS2.

Decent, safe and affordable homes

This must be our number one priority. No home should be left empty, more social housing must be built straight

Climate change and the environment

We need a twin track approach of encouraging greener living while investing in sustainable technology and jobs.

Care: from pre-school to pensioners

I want to see a National Care Service that works hand in hand with our NHS and is free at the point of need.

A decent standard of living for all

We must fight for a living wage that ends the state subsidy of poverty pay, more affordable housing and universal childcare.

My experience: CV in brief

- ✓ As Chair of governors at Haverstock school, I helped fight off academisation and oversaw the best GCSE results in the school's history.
- ✓ As Council Leader after 7/7, I helped to lead our local response to the bombings ensuring community cohesion at a time of real insecurity.
- ✓ As a Director at the Royal Free, oversaw reorganisation of stroke services that now saves hundreds of lives each year.
- ✓ As a human rights lawyer I've won cases to defend our right to free speech and to stop torture equipment being sold in the UK.
- ✓ As cabinet member for housing I brought the biggest single investment in any Council estate to the Chalcott Estate and ensured social housing was built into the King Cross Development.