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My achievements in Camden

I have the experience, personality and local profile to win this seat for Labour. My track-record shows that as an MP I can deliver what the constituency needs. As Chief Executive of award winning Camden Town Unlimited (CTU), I have delivered many vital new projects and managed the complex demands and competing personalities of the area. During my tenure the partnership has created an entrepreneurial base for local firms and people to enable them to develop business ideas, launch careers and create employment. This has made a huge contribution to regenerating the High Street, reducing drug use and has enabled many innovative independent retailers to flourish. Such is the success of this work, CTU has become a role model for all other London boroughs. As Chucka Umunna MP, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary recently said; *"Camden Town Unlimited is a model of how it should be done"*. I am an experienced campaigner, my recent re-election of my Business Improvement District (BID) achieved the highest turnout and positive vote for any BID in the UK. I am at ease in front of the camera and on radio where I have contributed to many debates on a wide range of issues.



My vision for Labour

I have been a party member for over 20 years. The values of the party are like a way of life to me and my family. I want to bring my unique experience of generating enterprise, both in the public and private sectors, to the Labour parliamentary party. I want to offer you my vision for the Labour Party which embraces enterprise as a means for us to achieve our goals for social justice. I want to fight the Conservatives on their own turf and ensure they do not monopolise the word 'enterprise' taking all the credit for our economy for themselves. I want to help Labour harness the entrepreneurial talent and creativity in Britain and use its power to transform the lives of the people that we represent. Our supporters and member have huge talents and I am not only interested in protecting their interests but also in helping them to realise their potential.

About Me

I was brought up in a single parent household by my mum who did a brilliant job of raising me and my sister. I'm very aware and grateful for what she sacrificed to enable me to have the opportunities I did. I moved into this constituency in my early 20's when I was a musician – I had a great time for 10 years but had to give it up when my wife was expecting our second child in 1993. That's when I started setting up my business but it wasn't until 1995 that I got my first proper job at the Kings Cross Post Office.

I have raised two boys in Camden over the last twenty years from their births at University College Hospital, right through to their education in Camden state schools. I have experienced first-hand what it is to live and work in the constituency and I have depended on the fantastic public services which we are lucky to enjoy in Camden. More recently, with my wife, I have been providing respite care to three fostered children which has been both rewarding and challenging in equal measure, again, only made possible because of care and passion of the people who work in social services.

I am proud to be a part of this community and becoming your next MP would give me the opportunity to develop my positive Labour agenda and truly help and nurture the people of this constituency to a better quality of life and to realise their goals in a safe and enabling environment.