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**Mayor Sadiq Khan and Deputy Mayors Debbie Weekes-Bernard, Sophie Linden and
Victims' Commissioner Claire Waxman**

We are writing at the request of London's Pan Equality Hate Crime network, Charities Challenging Hate Crime, hosted by HEAR Equality and Human Rights Network.

It has come to the attention of network members that despite commitments to reducing hate crime and targeted abuse in the Mayor's Crime and Police Plan (as well as it being a priority in strategies including Health Inequalities, Equality Diversity and Inclusion, Victims Voice and the new London Plan), MOPAC and the GLA have as yet made no contribution or commitment, financial or otherwise, to support National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2019.

We understand that a decision is pending on the 9th September, however, this would likely make ordering and distributing resources in time for this important national week, that in a few years has become a stalwart of the human rights calendar, an untenable task for the small volunteer team that runs National Hate Crime Awareness Week.

Since 2012, MOPAC has contributed a small but significant amount of money to enable the production and delivery of merchandise to facilitate hate crime awareness events across London.

This merchandise is used by City Hall, London Borough councils, the Met police, British Transport police, Transport for London, innumerable charities and social enterprises (including all those currently in receipt of MOPAC grants), schools and individuals, for their NationalHCAW events.

The merchandise is vital to highlighting that #LondonIsOpen that #WeStandTogether to say there is #NoPlaceForHate during National Hate Crime Awareness Week, 12th-19th October 2019; under two months away.

The success of National Hate Crime Awareness Week is vital to aid the Mayor, his deputies, and officers meet their statutory duties and policy commitments relating to hate crime, targeted abuse and 'vulnerable' survivors of abuse and violence.

We the undersigned, therefore, urge the Mayor and his deputies to:

1. Immediately free up £30,000 and confirm funding so that 17-24-30 National Hate Crime Awareness Week can order, get delivery of and distribute merchandise across 33 boroughs to enable NationalHCAW to happen across London in 2019

2. Commit to sustainably supporting 17-24-30, National Hate Crime Awareness Week, the founders and organisers of NationalHCAW, with an annual contribution outside of MOPAC and GLA grants programmes, thereby treating NationalHCAW as a core-part of the work of the GLA through this small financial contribution

3. Commit to annually attending the NationalHCAW service of remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral (or sending a letter of support if the Mayor, or a Deputy is unable to attend in person) to demonstrate support for and the significance of challenging hate crime in London

We look forward to hearing from 17-24-30, National Hate Crime Awareness Week that they have secured the money necessary to enable NationalHCAW 2019 to happen in London as well as seeing you all at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 13th October 2019.

Signed by,

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Equally Ours, Ali Harris, Chief Executive

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Gendered Intelligence, Cara English Hackney CVS, Jake Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer

Healthwatch Haringey, Sally Kirkpatrick

Her Centre, Stacey Smith, Chief Executive Officer

Inclusion London, Louise Holden, Hate Crime Partnership Project Manager

Lewisham Speaking Up, Joanna Hart, Hate Crime Project Lead

Race on the Agenda, Andy Gregg, Chief Executive Officer

Redbridge Equalities and Community Council, Nigel Turner, Chair

Rene Cassin

Southwark Hate Crime Network Board and Heartstone, Elena Noel, Co-chair and Advisory Board Member

Stay Safe East, Ruth Bashell, Chief Executive Officer

The Traveller Movement

Tonic Living CIC, Anna Kear,

Yiewsley Baptist Church, Rev. Rich Blake-Lobb, Pastor

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Charities Challenging Hate Crime, London's pan-equality hate crime network was formed in 2016 to reduce fragmented responses to Hate Crime and targeted abuse in London. It is made up of over 200 frontline delivery organisations and Experts by Experience (campaigners and advocates with first-hand experience of targeted violence) across all 'protected characteristics' and intersections. It has hosted and works alongside statutory partners including MOPAC, MPS, BTP and many Local Authorities. This network was formed and is hosted by the HEAR Network.

17-24-30, National Hate Crime Awareness Week is a small and entirely volunteer run charitable incorporated organisation (No 1184819), promoting the message there is #NoPlaceForHate, that gained charitable status this year. It grew out of the pan-equality response to the London nail bomb attacks in Brixton, Brick Lane and Soho and the April Acts of Remembrance, in their 20th year in 2019, established to remember victims and mobilise apparently disparate communities to challenge all forms of hate.

The National Service of Remembrance this year remembers Johnny Delaney and survivors of hate crime and targeted abuse in GRT communities. Hosted by St Paul's Cathedral this interfaith, pan-equality service launches National Hate Crime Awareness Week and brings together all Londoners who stand together against hate crime and targeted abuse. FREE tickets can be ordered www.nationalhcaw.uk