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Dear Secretary General,

1st Vice President of the Current Affairs Committee

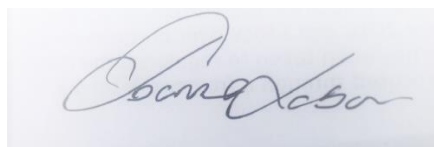
Please find attached with this letter my curriculum vitae which forms part of my nomination to be 1st Vice President of the Current Affairs Committee.

I have been a member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities since 2018 throughout that period I have served on the Current Affairs Committee. I have attended committee meetings online as well in Strasbourg and Stuttgart. The Council of Europe, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities is a fantastic organisation that upholds the values that I truly believe in.

My experience includes working for the Greater London Authority, which is the regional authority in London. I have served on my local authority for over a decade becoming the first female leader of Enfield Conservative Group in 2017. I have been chosen by my peers to be on committees of the Local Government Association which is the body that lobbies the UK national government on behalf of the sector.

I believe I have the skills and experience to take on the role of 1st Vice President of the Current Affairs Committee. I would be honoured if I were elected.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Laban', is shown on a white background.

Cllr Joanne Laban

Joanne Louise Laban

Curriculum Vitae



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Regional Government

Conservative Group Senior Researcher Advisor - London Assembly 2016 – to date

Key areas of responsibility

- Environment
- London Fire Brigade
- Oversight (internal spending at City Hall)
- Political and policy briefings
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Advisor/Research & Support Officer to the Deputy Mayor of London 2015-2016

Key areas of responsibility

- Writing speeches for events linked to international conferences and working with Officers at the GLA and civil servants to draft them
- Accompanying the Deputy Mayor to meet UK and foreign ministers, members of the royal family, ambassadors and visits to organisations in London
- Liaising with the Mayor's office on what visits Boris Johnson would cover
- Political and policy briefings

Local Government

Leader of the Opposition & Conservative Group – Enfield Council 2017 to date

First elected in 2010

Key successes

- First woman leader of a political party in Enfield
- Lobbying for change on local government policy
- Outperforming party predictions at 2018 local elections

Local Government Association – City and Regions Board 2019 to date

Key work undertaken

- Local Government policy formation to form part of the LGA's work with MHCLG
- Analysing the different pressures between cities, regions and rural local authorities
- Cross party working to achieve common local government priorities

International Bodies 2018 to date

Representing the UK on the Council of Europe, Congress of Local & Regional Authorities

Key activities undertaken

- Work with other elected officials from member states
- Member of the Current Affairs Committee for three years
- Participated in debates both in the Current Committee and Plenary Sessions

European Union Committee of the Regions – February 2019 to January 2020

Substitute Member

- Worked with elected officials from other EU member states
- Supported keeping the Committee of the Regions budget low

Skills

Excellent IT skills, media relations, scrutineer, researcher, campaigner, organiser and team player

Qualifications

BA Modern History & Politics

MA British and European Politics