



### **REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION – DISPENSATIONS FOR MEMBERS TO SPEAK AND VOTE WHERE THEY HAVE CERTAIN DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

The new Standards regime does not replicate the former statutory exemptions which allowed Members to vote on a number of matters in which they would otherwise have had a prejudicial interest. However, the City of London Corporation may, following a written request, grant a dispensation for a Member or a Co-opted Member to take part in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, in some circumstances.

It is anticipated that the principal matters likely to require dispensations are those relating to the following, where a Member has a beneficial interest in land within the City:-

- Housing (where the Member holds a lease or tenancy from the City, as long as the matter does not relate to their particular lease or tenancy).

However, dispensation may be granted in relation to any matter so long as a relevant criterion is met. The criteria that are relevant to the City of London Corporation are as follows:

- Without the dispensation the proportion of Members and Co-opted Members prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business; or
- Granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the City; or
- It is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

Please provide the following information if you wish to request a dispensation to allow you to speak and/or vote on a specific matter or matters, either on a specific occasion or at any point until the next Ward elections in 2021.

The following information will be considered by the Standards Committee or its Dispensations Sub Committee.

Name: ROBERT MERRETT Date: 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and/or vote\* on the following matter(s):

\* TO SPEAK AND/OR VOTE ON ALL CITY OF LONDON  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS ("CLSG") MATTERS  
BUT NOT VOTE ON ANY MATTER THAT HAS A  
DIRECT FINANCIAL IMPACT TO MYSELF AS A PARENT  
OF A PUPIL, SUCH AS SCHOOL FEES.

(\* Please delete as applicable)

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest(s) that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting on the above matter(s):

- \* I AM A GOVERNOR OF CLSG UNTIL JULY 2021  
FOLLOWING ELECTION AT COMMON COUNCIL.
- \* MY DAUGHTER STARTED AS A PUPIL IN SEPTEMBER 2018  
FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE IN JUNE 2018.
- \* ANY DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF CLSG ON  
SCHOOL FEES OR SIMILAR WOULD HAVE A DIRECT  
IMPACT ON MYSELF AS A PARENT, INCLUDING  
A FINANCIAL ONE.

Please explain which of the criteria for granting a dispensation you consider to be met, and why:

- \* I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO GRANT A DISPENSATION.
- \* A MAJORITY OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND SPEAKING BY MYSELF WILL HAVE NO DIRECT IMPACT FOR MYSELF DESPITE BEING A PARENT OF ONE PUPIL.
- \* THE ONE NOTABLE EXCEPTION WOULD BE THOSE MATTERS WITH A DIRECT FINANCIAL IMPACT TO MYSELF, PRIMARILY THE SETTING OF SCHOOL FEES.
- \* HENCE I WOULD SPEAK AS A GOVERNOR BUT NOT VOTE ON THESE MATTERS WITH A DIRECT FINANCIAL IMPACT

I require the dispensation for:

- (i) a time limited period from/to: ..... ☐
- (ii) for a specific meeting of: ..... ☐
- On: ..... ☐
- (ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021 ☒

If your request is urgent, please specify why:

- \* THE NEXT CLSG BOARD MEETING IS ON MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2018.

**Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:**

Date:----- Decision taken: .....

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