

Motion –

by Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley

To be presented on Thursday, 10th September 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Motion:-

‘That this Honourable Court reiterates our support for the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong.

It notes the view of the British Government that China's imposition of the new National Security law breaches the terms of this treaty.

It notes the view it undermines the right of Hong Kong citizens to enjoy "a high degree of autonomy" in the governance of their affairs.

It notes the British Government has in response extended residence rights to British Nationals (Overseas) citizens living in Hong Kong.

It notes this offer extends the right to live and work in the UK from 6 months to 5 years, with a right to apply to settle after a further 12 months.

This Honourable Court welcomes this policy and adds further that those seeking to live, work, settle under this scheme or to apply for asylum if persecuted under the new National Security law will always be welcome in the City of London.

This Honourable Court welcomes the 23 years of cooperation, investment and friendship between Britain and China, between the City of London and Hong Kong, prior to the imposition of the new National Security law, and hopes for a return to that state of affairs at the earliest opportunity.’

Signatories to the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order 12(3):-

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