**Template email seeking meeting with London Assembly candidates**

*We recommend looking at the guidance on meeting metro mayor candidates before sending this email.*

*If you’re contacting an incumbent Assembly Member, we recommend you write a bespoke email. You’re more likely to secure a meeting if you note what practical action they’ve taken, through the London Assembly, on the climate crisis.*

**Subject: Request to meet about mayoral commitment to climate action**

Dear [candidate name],

I am writing to you on behalf of [add group name] to request the opportunity to meet to discuss how you intend to push the new mayor for tough action on the climate and ecological emergencies if you become an Assembly Member.

The climate emergency hasn’t gone away since COVID-19 emerged. In fact, it’s got worse. With extreme weather raging around the world, including flooding and extreme heat in the UK, taking action in all our communities is essential. We believe a brighter future is possible.

Action on climate change and nature will improve the quality of our lives and contribute to the economic recovery from the pandemic. And according to a Local Government Association analysis, it could create over [add number] new jobs in the region by 2030.

[Personalising your email to the candidate will be key to securing a meeting. Recognising some of the positive things they have already done also allows you to become more challenging in the meeting if necessary. For example, add something about what the candidate has said or done on climate change or commitments their party has made to act on the climate and ecological crisis. In doing so, it is important to adhere to [political impartiality](https://campaigning.friendsoftheearth.uk/general-resources/political-impartiality-guidanceb) commitments.].

The Mayor of London has important powers they can use to ensure the region is as climate- and nature-friendly as possible. We can also show the national government where our priorities lie, what can be done, and how we expect them to follow suit nationally and internationally.

We must recognise that the climate crisis cannot be tackled through a “business as usual” approach. Younger generations are relying on today’s leaders to secure their futures.

We would like the opportunity to hear how you intend to prioritise climate action when holding the mayor to account and also share our vision for how to make London as climate friendly as possible. [Again, include something personalised here about their commitment to acting on the climate crisis.] We hope our discussions may inform your commitments as an Assembly Member and will be happy to share the practical action and targets we believe are needed across a range of sectors – from housing to transport – to build a fairer, greener future.

I’d be grateful if you would please advise us of your availability for a meeting ahead of the May elections.

We look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards,