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Let's say this in black and white:

We need to be

## **BOLDER, BRAVER, BETTER**

2024 was a record year for the Liberal Democrats, regaining our position as third party with a best ever number of MPs, but do we have the right plans in place to take us even higher?

It's the Federal Council's job to see that we are.

Our Federal Council is the way that we, the party members, get to ensure that that our Party is doing its best to deliver the Liberal future that we joined to see.

I've helped shape the Council in the last three years, and pushed us to do our job. But there's so much more we can and should do for you.

My priorities:

Live by our values: stand up for equal rights – Black lives matter, trans rights are human rights.

Take a bold position and oppose the three right-wing parties: Reform, Tory and Labour –

Universal Basic Income, lower barriers to migration, no id cards.

Let's be a bridge to state and regional parties – More power to the members.

As Ed Davey says: "Liberalism is about holding the powerful to account".

We practice that within our own Party so that we never forget we're for the people not the powerful. We're not Tories. Or Labour. We don't want to run everything from the centre. We believe in you.

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I was able to marry my husband thanks to Liberal Democrats being bold and brave in government. That was no stunt.

Reform are high in the polls because a section of people – after the global crash, after the austerity, after the pandemic – just don't believe politicians can fix things anymore. We need to prove to people that politics can make things better.

MY RECORD	MY PROMISE
I've been Treasurer of the Party in England, delivering the Regional Development Officers to empower every region, and championing Federalism, giving power out rather than centralising.	I want the Council to be responsive.  We should be open to taking question from all party members and using our forum to put them to the people at the top of the Party.
And as a member of the LGBT+ Lib Dems exec, and Lib Dem Immigrants, and as Parliamentary Candidate in Poplar and Limehouse, and a GLA candidate, I've been a champion of equal rights and human rights for everyone.	And I would see Federal Council report back to you after every meeting of the Federal Board.  I want the Council to be pro-active in our scrutiny on your behalf.
With my experience in campaigning and elections, as well as finance, I have asked challenging questions of the Party President, Federal Registered Treasurer, members of the Federal Board and the Chief Exec.	We should set a work plan to review:
I can and will ask the questions that need to be asked.	Technology  I want us to take your questions to the top and get you answers!

For a bold voice for the Federal Council, please back me with your first preference.

If you want to ask me anything, email me on <a href="mailto:richard@richardflowers.org.uk">richard@richardflowers.org.uk</a>