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Local campaigner to stand in Exeter

A local campaigner was today chosen as the Conservative candidate for Exeter in the General Election.

James Taghdissian vowed to be Exeter's champion alongside Theresa May, working together to strengthen the economy and get the best possible deal from Brexit and beyond.

He said: "It would be an honour to be Exeter's next MP; I've spent most of the past 17 years here and am passionate about our beautiful, diverse and vibrant city.

"I went to University in Exeter, my wife works in the local hospital, we're raising our children here and our eldest is in a local primary school.

"I know what our area needs because my family and I rely on the same public services as everyone else. Exeter deserves a strong voice.

"The choice on 8 June is clear. It is a choice between Theresa May's Conservative Team providing strong and stable leadership for the United Kingdom, or a coalition of chaos and instability led by a failed and bumbling Jeremy Corbyn that will put our nation's future at risk."

James was chosen at a selection meeting in the city today.

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Notes to Editors

James' priorities include:

Fair funding for schools

Improving mental health services

Investment in the city and the south west

A Brexit deal that works for Exeter

Biography:

James studied at Exeter University and returned to the city to train and work as a barrister. His wife works in the NHS at Heavitree hospital and both their children were born at the Royal Devon and Exeter

Hospital, the eldest is at St. Nicholas' RC Primary School. He was an Exeter City Councillor for the Polsloe ward between 2008 and 2012 and is also a former school governor at both Ladysmith Junior School and Exeter School. He has helped run campaigns on planning and transport issues in a long-standing commitment to making life better for everyone in Exeter. He stood for Cardiff West in the 2015 General Election. He volunteers as an umpire for Devon Hockey Umpires.

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