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A councillor who campaigns against a "mega mosque" near the Olympic Park in Stratford is to run for London mayor.

Alan Craig, leader of the Christian People's Alliance opposition group on Newham council, is to be a candidate in the 1 May poll.

He will also run for the London Assembly and could win a seat if he secures five per cent of the votes cast across the capital.

He has been chosen to represent the Christian Party and will brand himself the "Christian choice".



Alan Craig: The Newham councillor is running for Mayor

Mr Craig has been active in opposing the mosque proposed for West Ham, which would be the biggest in Europe. He says it "must be challenged for the sake of open, diverse London" because it is being backed by "separatist Islamic sect" Tablighi Jamaat.

He said: "Londoners are right to be proud of our diverse and multi-ethnic capital where openness and tolerance are vital for our thriving world-class city. This proposed national landmark mosque stands for separateness and secrecy and against social cohesion."

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What exactly do you mean by that Gareth? There is only one view on homosexuality, abortion and marriage. It is not allowed in the case of marriage - DIVORCE is not allowed. Name anyone of those who are in Heaven that were any one of these?

Everyone is trying to get into Heaven even Satan (it is written) is trying to change his light and turn himself into an Angel of Light to creep in.

Imagine a night club and the bouncer says - Your are out! But hey your fav star is in there and you need to get it... type thing of Satan and Heaven.

- Elizabeth Obisanya, Thamesmead SE 28

Let us judge the campaign and the man by output and not by our preconceptions of Christianity. Let us stop complaining about the status quo if we will shoot down anything that represents change. I welcome the Christian choice as it seems the others have done all that they can do and we are still well short of the mark on several fronts!

- Rele Adesina, London

Gareth needs to understand the difference between conservative and orthodox. A voice that can accommodate both orthodoxy and heresy is no voice at all. Alan is the choice for those, not just Christians, who want to see the Kingdom

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