

REGISTRAR:

Good morning to you all. My name is _____ and together with _____ we are delighted to be welcoming you to Hackney Town Hall on this glorious day to celebrate the Civil Partnership of Ché and Georgie.

On behalf of Ché and Georgie I'd like to thank you all for being here! It is a very special day for Ché and Georgie and it means so much to them that you can all be here together, to reflect on love in all its forms: the love of friends, the love of family and of course the love shared by two people who decide to commit their lives to one another.

Now, can I ask you both please to state your full names?

We are all about to embark on a short ceremony; however, its brevity is in no way an indication of the importance of the commitment Ché and Georgie are making today. Ché and Georgie the purpose of this ceremony is that you may declare your love and support of each other in front of your family and friends.

Let's begin with a song.

You're My Best Friend - Song by Queen (1975)

Ooh, you make me live
Whatever this world can give to me
It's you, you're all I see
Ooh, you make me live now, honey, ooh, you make me live

Oh, you're the best friend that I ever had
I've been with you such a long time
You're my sunshine and I want you to know
That my feelings are true, I really love you, oh, you're my best friend

Ooh, you make me live, Ooh, I've been wandering 'round
Still dropped back to you (but I still come back to you)
In rain or shine you've stood by me, girl
I'm happy at home (happy at home), you're my best friend

Ooh, you make me live, whenever this world is cruel to me
I got you to help me forgive (ooh-ooh-ooh)

Ooh, you make me live now, honey, ooh, you make me live

Oh, you're the first one, when things turn out bad
You know I'll never be lonely, you're my only one and I love the
things, I really love the things that you do (ooh)
Oh, you're my best friend
Ooh, you make me live (live, live, live)
I'm happy (happy at home), you're my best friend

Oh, oh, you're my best friend
Ooh, you make me live
Ooh, you're my best friend

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We are not here to witness the beginning of Ché and Georgie's relationship but to acknowledge and rejoice in the bond that already exists between them and to witness a public affirmation of their love.

Partnership means making a commitment. It means developing and maintaining co-operation, friendship and mutual respect. It calls for trust, understanding and encouragement. But more than this, your civil partnership is an extension of your current relationship, in which you provide each other with love and friendship, help and comfort, both in times of joy and in times of hardship.

This place in which we are now all met has been duly sanctioned according to law for the registration of civil partnerships. Can I ask that if any person here present knows of any legal reason why these two people may not enter into a Civil Partnership with each other they should declare it now.

The signing of a Civil Partnership schedule will formally confer on you both your legal rights. Before signing the document, I'm going to ask each of you in turn to repeat the following statement.

Ché, please repeat:

I declare that I know of no legal reason / why we may not register as each other's civil partner / I understand that on signing this document / we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

Georgie, please repeat:

I declare that I know of no legal reason / why we may not register as each other's civil partner / I understand that on signing this document / we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

We now come to the part in the ceremony where Ché and Georgie will exchange rings to symbolise the bond that already exists between them, marking an outward sign of commitment to each other.

Georgie I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. May it always remind you of this very special day.

Ché I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. May it always remind you of this very special day.

Ché and Georgie I now invite you to sign your Civil Partnership schedule.

**Music: Star Wars – Imperial March
Darth Vader’s Theme John Williams (1980)**

Couple sign

Witnesses sign

Charlie-Scarlett Stephanie Smith

Isabel Louise Hayes

Registrar signs