

**Conduct of Electioneering Activities and Election Meetings in
Premises under the Management of the Housing Department and
the Hong Kong Housing Society**

Validly nominated candidates must obtain **prior approval**^{Note} from an estate manager or officer-in-charge before conducting any electioneering activity or election meeting within a housing estate, in addition to compliance with regulations and conditions imposed by other relevant authorities. An **application** for approval **should be made at least 2 clear working days (excluding Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) before the date of the proposed election meeting/electioneering activity**, and the applicant will be notified as soon as practicable after a decision is arrived at. To avoid any conflict that may arise from allowing 2 or more candidates and their supporters to hold election meetings/electioneering activities in a housing estate at the same venue and time, the Housing Department and the Hong Kong Housing Society will process the applications as soon as practicable and will adopt the following arrangements:

- (a) if only 1 application for holding an election meeting/electioneering activity at a particular venue and at a particular time is received, that application will be approved;
- (b) if 2 or more applications for the same venue and the same period are received by the Housing Department or the Hong Kong Housing Society 2 clear working days before the election meeting/electioneering activity takes place, the applicants will be advised to negotiate among themselves to reach a compromise on condition that no canvassing from 2 or more groups will be held at the same place and at the same time to avoid any dispute or clash. If no compromise can be reached, allocation of venue or time will be made by the drawing of lots at a time to be decided by the relevant estate office;
- (c) for the purpose of (a) and (b) above, an application for several periods will be dealt with as separate applications for each of the periods; and

^{Note} The Housing Department and the Hong Kong Housing Society stipulate that only validly nominated candidates who submit relevant documentation may apply for holding an election meeting/ electioneering activity inside a housing estate. The Housing Department and the Hong Kong Housing Society will allow validly nominated candidates to commence electioneering activities in the vicinity of a housing estate after receiving approval, the earliest being on the day after the RO conducts the lots drawing for the candidates.

- (d) the relevant estate office should send a copy of the letter of approval to the Returning Officer for record and for public inspection.

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