## Canvassing Activities which are Forbidden Within a No Canvassing Zone

- (Note: (1) This list is by no means an exhaustive list of the canvassing activities which are prohibited within a No Canvassing Zone ("NCZ"). It only serves to illustrate some of the common forms of canvassing activities.
  - (2) Within an NCZ, door-to-door canvassing and for the purpose of such canvassing, the display or wearing of any promotional material such as any badge, emblem, clothing or head-dress which may promote or prejudice the election of a candidate or candidates at the election or which makes direct reference to a body any member of which is standing as a candidate in the election or to a prescribed body the registered name or registered emblem of which has been printed on ballot papers for the election may be allowed on storeys above or below the street level (i.e. excluding the storey at the street level) in any building (including residential premises and commercial premises such as restaurants or shops) other than the building in which the polling station is located, provided that permission has been obtained for entry to the building for canvassing votes, no obstruction is caused to any person and no sound amplifying system or device is used (except for the performance of duties by officers of the Correctional Services Department on the polling day at dedicated polling stations situated in penal institutions). Nevertheless, it is important for candidates to note that canvassing activities are strictly prohibited on the storey at the street level of all buildings within an NCZ.)
- 1. Unauthorised static display of election advertisements ("EAs") on walls (including the outer walls of the polling station), windows, railings, fences, etc.
- 2. Exhibition of portable EAs displayed on vehicles (whether in motion or parked within an NCZ), or held or carried by persons.

- 3. Except for the purpose of door-to-door canvassing referred to in Note (2) above, displaying or wearing any promotional material such as any badge, emblem, clothing, carrier bags or head-dress which:
  - (a) may promote or prejudice the election of a candidate or candidates at the election; or
  - (b) makes direct reference to a body any member of which is standing as a candidate in the election or a prescribed body the registered name or registered emblem of which has been printed on ballot papers for the election.
- 4. Distribution of EAs.
- 5. Canvassing for votes by:
  - (a) talking to electors;
  - (b) greeting electors by smiling, waving, nodding, shaking hands, etc.;
  - (c) shouting slogans or the name or number of a candidate or any appeal message;
  - (d) singing or chanting; or
  - (e) making signs or signals to electors.
- 6. Broadcast of audio or video recording to appeal to or induce electors to vote, or not to vote.
- 7. Using loudspeakers or loud-hailers (whether carried by a person or mounted on a vehicle or installed in any other manner) to broadcast any message which appeals to or induces electors to vote or not to vote.
- 8. Candidates wilfully stay or loiter in the NCZ and show goodwill to electors, which constitutes canvassing for votes.

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