

Notice to Candidates
on Free Postage of Election Mail Arrangements
for 2020 Legislative Council General Election

‘Household’ Address Labels

For free postage of election mail, the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) will provide a list of candidate(s)* with a choice of ‘individual’ address labels (i.e. each address label contains the information of one elector) or ‘household’ address labels (i.e. each address label contains the names of up to five electors residing at the same address. REO will provide additional address label(s) if the names of all electors cannot be accommodated on one address label.). This arrangement helps reduce the consumption of paper and other resources while allowing a list of candidate(s)* greater flexibility in arranging their publicity strategy. In the interest of environmental protection, we encourage a list of candidate(s)* to use ‘household’ address labels for sending election mail as this can **save about one third of the address labels and numbers of election mail apart from saving the effort and time of postmen in delivering the mail.**

Here is a sample of the ‘household’ address label.

錢小花 / 鄭有財 / 歐芷清 / 歐一心 / 劉嬌嬌				
FLAT C				
17/F				
BLOCK 2				
HONG KONG BUILDING				
HONG KONG				
LC1	A01	C/E	H03359	00579 GPO.GPO01

A list of candidate(s)* should observe the requirements on the weight, size and thickness of the letter to be sent free of postage as stipulated in section 101A(1)(c), (d) and (e) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure)(Legislative Council) Regulation (Cap. 541D), which are equally applicable to letters addressed to an ‘individual’ elector and a ‘household’ of electors. A list of candidate(s)* can indicate his/her choice of using ‘individual’ or ‘household’ address labels in the “Notice for Collection of Electors’ Information” (this Notice will be uploaded to the REO website on 18 July 2020 and enclosed in the candidates’ folder available on 18 July 2020 when nomination period starts). Once a list of candidate(s)* has indicated to send a letter by using the ‘household’ address label, free postage of further election mail addressed to individual electors of that household (i.e. those electors who have been addressed in the ‘household’ address label) will **not** be permitted.

* The ‘household’ address labels are arranged only for lists of candidates for geographical constituencies and District Council (second) functional constituency, but not for candidates of other functional constituencies.

Joint Election Mail

In accordance with section 43 of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), each validly nominated candidate/list of candidate(s) for the geographical constituency (GC) / the functional constituency (FC) may send one letter to each elector for the relevant constituency free of postage. To enable candidates/lists of candidates to jointly promote themselves and as a further step to reduce paper consumption, the law allows candidates/lists of candidates to send joint election mail free of postage in specified circumstances as depicted below:

- (a) A list of candidate(s) which is validly nominated for a GC (LC1, LC2, LC3, LC4 or LC5) may send one joint election mail to each elector together with any number of lists of candidates which are also validly nominated for the same GC; or one single list of candidate(s) which is validly nominated for the District Council (second) functional constituency (DS); or both of the above.



- (b) A list of candidate(s) which is validly nominated for the DS may send one joint election mail to each elector together with any lists of candidates which are validly nominated for one single GC.

List B in DS	+	*Any List(s) in One Single GC	=	Yes
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* List B in DS may send joint election mail together with List D in LC1/GC, List E in LC2/GC, List F in LC3/GC, List G in LC4/GC and/or List H in LC5/GC provided that each joint election mail can contain only the information of List B in DS and ONE single GC at the same time. In short, there will be five different combinations of joint election mail.

List B in DS	+	Any List(s) in One Single GC	+	Any List(s) in Other GCs	=	No
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List B in DS	+	Any List(s) in DS	=	No
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List B in DS	+	Any Candidate(s) in Other FCs	=	No
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- (c) A candidate who is validly nominated for the Labour FC may send joint election mail together with any other candidates who are also validly nominated for that FC.

Candidate C in Labour FC	+	Any Candidate(s) in Labour FC	=	Yes
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Candidate C in Labour FC	+	Any List(s) in GCs	=	No
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Candidate C in Labour FC	+	Any List(s) in DS / Any Candidate(s) in Other FCs	=	No
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Saving Papers and Other Resources

Some illustrations (with figures drawn from the 2016 Legislative Council General Election) are appended below for reference only.

Case A

Two lists of candidates for the New Territories East GC (i.e. LC5) originally plan to send election mail separately to each elector. In that case, they have to send about 975,000 letters each and altogether about 1,950,000 letters. If they choose to send joint election mail, they only need to send about 975,000 letters (i.e. reduced by half). If they simultaneously use 'household' address labels, they only need to send about 565,000 letters saving altogether about 1,385,000 letters (i.e. reduced by about 70%).

Case B

If a list of candidate(s) for DS chooses to send joint election mail together with the two lists of candidates for the New Territories East GC (i.e. LC5) as mentioned in Case A above to electors in the New Territories East GC using 'household' address labels, instead of sending about 2,840,000 letters to electors, they will only have to send about 530,000 letters saving altogether about 2,310,000 letters (i.e. reduced by about 80%).

As illustrated in the above two cases, by using joint election mail and 'household' address labels, apart from reducing considerable numbers of mail, saving papers and contributing to environmental protection, candidates can also use the election expenses saved for other electioneering activities.

Further Information

Candidate/A list of candidate(s) may wish to refer to Chapter 8 of the "Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the Legislative Council Election", the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542) and the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure)(Legislative Council) Regulation (Cap. 541D) for details to learn more about the above arrangements.

For enquiries, please call REO Hotline at 2891 1001.

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