

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 activities or election meetings 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 a Saturday, Sunday and public holiday) before 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;

^{Note} The Housing Department and the Hong Kong Housing Society require candidates to be validly nominated and submit relevant proof before they can apply for approval to conduct electioneering activities or election meetings within a housing estate. Upon approval from the Housing Department and the Hong Kong Housing Society, the validly nominated candidates will be allowed to commence their electioneering activities within the housing estate at the earliest on the day following the lots drawing session for candidates conducted by the Returning Officer (“RO”).

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

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