

Consent of Support

2015 DISTRICT COUNCIL ORDINARY ELECTION

_____ District Council _____ Constituency
(Name of District Council) (Name of Constituency)

Date of election: 22 November 2015

(Please read the notes before completing this consent)

Name of Candidate (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____

Hong Kong Identity Card Number (see Note 2) : _____

For individual(s) giving consent in personal capacity (see Notes 3 & 9)

1. *(i) *I/Each of us hereby give(s) consent in *my/our personal capacity to the above-named candidate to use in the manner described in section 27 of the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554) in election advertisements or electioneering activities the name(s) or logo(s) of or associated with *me/us; or the name(s) or logo(s) as shown in the Appendix that is/are substantially similar to the name(s) or logo(s) of or associated with *me/us; or *my/our pictorial representation(s), as an indication of *my/our support for his/her election to become a Member of District Council for the above-mentioned election; or
- *(ii) *I/Each of us hereby confirm(s) in *my/our personal capacity that the content of the election advertisement as shown in the Appendix is provided by *me/us, and *I/each of us give(s) consent in *my/our personal capacity to the above-named candidate to use the name, logo, pictorial representation of or associated with *me/us included in the said content of election advertisement, as an indication of *my/our support for his/her election to become a Member of District Council for the above-mentioned election; and
- *(iii) *I/Each of us further give(s) consent in *my/our personal capacity to the above-named candidate to modify the name, logo, pictorial representation of or associated with *me/us or the content of election advertisement referred to in (ii) above (details of modification as shown in the Appendix) for use in his/her other election advertisements or electioneering activities.

For an individual giving consent in official capacity (see Notes 4, 5, 6 & 9)

2. *(i) I hereby give consent in my official capacity as " _____ " to the above-named candidate to use, in the manner described in section 27 of the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554) in election advertisements or electioneering activities the name, office title or logo of or associated with me; or the name, office title or logo as shown in the Appendix that is substantially similar to name, office title or logo of or associated with me; or my pictorial representation, as an indication of my support for his/her election to become a Member of District Council for the above-mentioned election; or
- *(ii) I hereby confirm in my official capacity as " _____ " that the content of the election advertisement (including reference to my office title) as shown in the Appendix is provided by me, and I give consent in the above official capacity to the above-named candidate to use the name, office title, logo, pictorial representation of or associated with me included in the said content of election advertisement, as an indication of my support for his/her election to become a Member of District Council for the above-mentioned election; and

*(iii) I further give consent in the above official capacity to the above-named candidate to modify the name, office title, logo, pictorial representation of or associated with me or the content of election advertisement referred to in (ii) above (details of modification as shown in the Appendix) for use in his/her other election advertisements or electioneering activities.

3. I have obtained the prior written approval of _____
[Name of Organisation] *in accordance with the organisation's internal rules and procedures/established convention (please specify _____) on _____
[Date] / *by a resolution of the members of the organisation passed at the general meeting of the organisation held on _____ [Date] at _____ [Time] for giving of the above consent.

For an organisation giving consent in organisational capacity (see Notes 5, 6 & 9)

4. *(i) I have been duly authorised by _____
[Name of Organisation] to give consent to the above-named candidate to use in the manner described in section 27 of the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554) in election advertisements or electioneering activities the name or logo of or associated with the organisation; or the name or logo as shown in the Appendix that is substantially similar to the name or logo of or associated with the organisation, as an indication of its support for his/her election to become a Member to a District Council at the above-mentioned election; or

*(ii) I have been duly authorised by _____
[Name of Organisation] to confirm that the content of the election advertisement as shown in the Appendix is provided by the organisation, and I am duly authorised by the organisation to give consent to the above-named candidate to use the name or logo of or associated with the organisation included in the said content of election advertisement, as an indication of its support for his/her election to become a Member of District Council for the above-mentioned election; and

*(iii) I am also duly authorised by the organisation to give further consent to the above-named candidate to modify the name or logo of or associated with the organisation or the content of election advertisement referred to in (ii) above (details of modification as shown in the Appendix) for use in his/her other election advertisements or electioneering activities.

5. I have obtained the prior written approval of _____
[Name of Organisation] for the giving of the above consent *by the approval dated _____
of the governing body of the organisation/by a resolution of the members of the organisation passed at its general meeting held on _____ [Date] at _____ [Time].

For completion in all cases

6. *I have/Each of us has/The organisation has been given to understand from the above-named candidate that he/she is eligible for nomination as a candidate and he/she is not disqualified from being nominated as a candidate or elected as a member by reasons of section 21 of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547).

Remark: * Please delete whichever is inapplicable

TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE/ELECTION AGENT –

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____

Hong Kong Identity Card Number (see Note 2) : _____

Signature : _____ Date : _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL(S) GIVING CONSENT IN PERSONAL CAPACITY –

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS)	Identity Document (please specify Type and Number) (see Notes 2,7&11)	Signature	Date

**TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL GIVING CONSENT IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY/
ORGANISATION GIVING CONSENT –**

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____

Identity Document (please specify Type and Number) (see Notes 2,7 & 11) : _____

Signature : _____ Organisation Chop : _____

Official Capacity : _____ Date : _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY A WITNESS (see Note 8) –

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____

Identity Document (please specify Type and Number) (see Notes 2,8 & 11) : _____

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Notes

1. In accordance with Chapter 7 of the “Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the District Council Election” and section 106 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (District Councils) Regulation (Cap. 541F), the candidate should, **within 1 working day** after publication of an election advertisement, post an electronic copy of the relevant information/document, including permission or consent, onto the Central Platform or Candidate’s Platform or deposit a hard copy with the Returning Officer for public inspection.
2. Candidates should ensure all the identity document number(s) in the consent have been covered before uploading this consent onto the Central Platform or Candidate’s Platform.
3. According to Chapter 17 of the “Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the District Council Election”, if a written consent is given by a person in his/her personal capacity, no mention should be made of any office title which he/she may have in the candidate's election advertisements and campaign activities.
4. According to Chapter 17 of the “Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the District Council Election”, in the case where an office-bearer of an organisation wishes to use his/her office title to support a candidate, he/she should complete item 2 or items 2 and 3 of this consent as appropriate, depending on the following situation –
 - (a) **A supporter with the mention of his/her office title (bearing no reference to the name of the organisation concerned)**
In this case, the consent should indicate whether the supporter consents to the mention of his/her office title(s) and the description of such title(s). Where such office title(s) is/are to be mentioned in an election advertisement, the supporter and the candidate should take particular care to ensure that the information should not be used in such a way to misrepresent the support of the organisation concerned.
 - (b) **A supporter with the mention of his/her office title and the name of the organisation concerned**
In this case, the candidate should ensure that the supporter has obtained the prior written approval of the organisation, in accordance with the organisation’s internal rules and procedures or any established convention (e.g. approved by the governing body of the organisation or by a resolution of that organisation passed at a general meeting), for using the name of the organisation together with his/her office title(s) by the candidate. The candidate should be careful not to give the impression that it represents the support of the whole organisation.
5. According to section 27(5) of the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554), a written consent by an organisation must be approved by the governing body of the organisation or by a resolution of the members of the organisation passed at a general meeting.
6. In the case where a Mutual Aid Committee (MAC) wishes to support a candidate in the name of the MAC, the consent should be approved in a general meeting convened in accordance with the Model Rules for the MAC, and signed by the incumbent Chairman of the MAC.
7. According to section 2 of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), "identity document" means –
 - (a) an identity card issued to a person under the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177); or
 - (b) a document issued to a person under regulations in force under that Ordinance certifying that the person is exempt from being required to register under that Ordinance; or
 - (c) any other document issued to a person that is acceptable to the Electoral Registration Officer as proof of the person's identity.
8. A witness can be any person aged 18 years or over and in possession of an identity document. Please refer to Note 7 above for the meaning of identity document.
9. Individual or organisation giving consent may attach an Appendix showing the details of the consent or content of the election advertisement or the details of modification.
10. If there is any difficulty in completing this consent, please contact the Enquiry Hotline of the Registration and Electoral Office at 2891 1001 during office hours.
11. Please note the following with regard to the personal data supplied in connection with this consent –
 - (a) **Purpose of Collection**
The personal data and other related information supplied in connection with this consent will be used by the Registration and Electoral Office and the Returning Officer for the relevant constituency for election-related purposes.

(b) **Transfer of Information**

The Consent of Support will be made available for public inspection. All identity document numbers in the consent will be covered before display. The information in this consent may also be provided to other authorised departments or persons including but not limited to the law courts for election-related purposes.

(c) **Access to Personal Data**

A person has the right to request access to and correction of the personal data which he/she supplied in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486).

(d) **Personal Data Protection Principles**

Candidates are reminded to observe the Data Protection Principles in Schedule 1 to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) in collecting personal data of a third person in completing the relevant consent, in particular Principle 4 concerning the requirement to take all practicable steps to ensure that personal data are protected against unauthorised or accidental access and processing.

(e) **Enquiry**

Enquiries concerning the personal data collected by means of this consent (including requests for access to and corrections of personal data) should be addressed to the Chief Electoral Officer at 10th Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Electoral Affairs Commission
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