

**Conduct of Electioneering Activities and Election Meetings in
Housing Estates Managed by the Housing Department and
the Hong Kong Housing Society and “Light Public Housing”
Managed by the Housing Bureau**

Validly nominated candidates must obtain **prior approval**¹ from an estate manager/project manager or officer-in-charge before conducting any electioneering activities or election meetings within a housing estate/“Light Public Housing”, and must comply with regulations and conditions imposed by other relevant authorities. An **application** for approval **should be made at least two clear working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and general holidays) before the date of the proposed election meeting/electioneering activity**, and the relevant estate manager/project manager or officer-in-charge will notify the applicant of the relevant decision as soon as possible. To avoid any conflict that may arise from allowing two or more candidates and their supporters to organise election meetings/electioneering activities at the same venue and time in a housing estate/“Light Public Housing”, the Housing Department, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Housing Bureau will process the applications as soon as practicable and will adopt the following arrangements:

- (a) if only one application for organising an election meeting/electioneering activity at a particular venue and at a particular time is received, that application will be approved;
- (b) if two or more applications for organising an election meeting/electioneering activity at the same venue and the same period are received by the Housing Department, the Hong Kong Housing Society or the Housing Bureau two clear working days prior to the event, the applicants will be advised to negotiate among themselves to reach an agreement on condition that no canvassing votes from two or more groups will be conducted at the same venue and at the same time

¹ The Housing Department, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Housing Bureau stipulate that candidates must be validly nominated and submit relevant proof before they can apply for approval to conduct electioneering activities or election meetings within a housing estate/“Light Public Housing”. Validly nominated candidates can only conduct the electioneering activities or election meetings within the areas of the housing estate/“Light Public Housing” following the approval given by the housing estate office/“Light Public Housing” office and the lots drawing session for candidates conducted by Returning Officers.

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to avoid any dispute or conflict. If no agreement 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 housing estate office/“Light Public Housing” office;

- (c) for the purpose of (a) and (b) of this paragraph, an application for several periods will be treated as separate applications for each of the periods; and
- (d) the housing estate office/“Light Public Housing” office should send a copy of the letter of approval to the respective Returning Officer for record and for public inspection.