

Consent of Support

Rural By-election
(*Indigenous Inhabitant Representative/ Resident Representative/ Kaifong Representative)

_____ **Rural Committee** _____ **Village/ Market Town**

Date of By-election: _____

(Please read the notes before completing this consent)

Name of Candidate (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____

For individual(s) giving consent in personal capacity (see Notes 2 & 7)

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 *an Indigenous Inhabitant Representative /a Resident Representative /a Kaifong Representative for the above-mentioned By-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 *an Indigenous Inhabitant Representative /a Resident Representative /a Kaifong Representative for the above-mentioned By-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 3, 4, 5 & 7)

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 *an Indigenous Inhabitant Representative/a Resident Representative/a Kaifong Representative for the above-mentioned By-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 *an Indigenous Inhabitant Representative/a Resident Representative/a Kaifong Representative for the above-mentioned By-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 organization giving consent in organizational capacity (see Notes 4, 5 & 7)

4. *(i) I have been duly authorized by _____ [Name of organization] 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 organization; or the name or logo as shown in the Appendix that is substantially similar to the name or logo of or associated with the organization, as an indication of its support for *his/her election to become *an Indigenous Inhabitant Representative / a Resident Representative / a Kaifong Representative for the above-mentioned By-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 *an Indigenous Inhabitant Representative/a Resident Representative/ a Kaifong Representative for the above-mentioned By-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. The above-named organization has given the above consent *by the written approval dated _____ of the governing body of the organization /by a resolution of the members of the organization passed at its general meeting held on _____ [Date] at _____ [Time].

For completion in all cases

6. *I have/Each of us has/The organization 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 Rural Representative by reason of sections 22(4), 23, 28 and 29 of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576).

*Please delete whichever is inapplicable.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE/ELECTION AGENT –

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____

Signature : _____ Date : _____

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

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS)	Signature	Date

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

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____

Signature : _____ Organization Chop : _____

Official Capacity : _____ Date : _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY A WITNESS (see Note 6) –

Name (in BLOCK LETTERS) : _____

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Notes

1. In accordance with Chapter 4 of the “Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the Rural Representative Elections”, and Section 92 of the Electoral Procedure(Rural Representative Election) Regulation (Cap 541L), 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. According to Chapter 14 of the “Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the Rural Representative Elections”, 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.
3. According to Chapter 14 of the “Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the Rural Representative Elections”, 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.
4. According to section 27(5) of the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554), a written consent by an organization must be approved by the governing body of the organization or by a resolution of the members of the organization passed at a general meeting.
5. In the case where a Mutual Aid Committee (MAC) wishes to support a candidate in the name of the MAC, the written 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.
6. A witness can be any person aged 18 years or over and in possession of an identity document. According to section 2(1) of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), “identity document” means–
 - (a) an identity card; or
 - (b) any other document issued to a person that is acceptable to the Electoral Registration Officer as proof of the person’s identity.
7. 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.
8. If there is any difficulty in completing this consent, please call the Rural Representative Election Hotline at 2152 1521 during office hours.
9. 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 provided in connection with this consent will be used by the Electoral Affairs Commission, Home Affairs Department, the Returning Officer for the relevant rural area and government departments concerned for election-related purposes.

(b) **Transfer of Information**

The Consent of Support will be made available for public inspection. The information in this consent may also be provided to other authorized departments/organizations/ 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 Principle**

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 form, in particular Principle 4 concerning the requirement to take all practicable steps to ensure that personal data are protected against unauthorized 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 Director of Home Affairs at 30th Floor, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Home Affairs Department
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