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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to express my views on 07/08 election.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Best regards,

(Name Provided)

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**Expression of views on
Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2007 and Forming the Legislative
Council in 2008**

Foreword

I am happy to have the opportunity to express my views on the captioned issues. This is a milestone that signifies a more democratic attempt to determine our future constitutional development.

I sincerely hope more events or functions or programs can be arranged to arouse the public awareness on important issues that affects the future of our homeland.

I also hope that we can move towards universal suffrage of both the Chief Executive (CE) and Legislative Council (LegCo) in a step-by-step, smooth and successful manner.

As I am not an expert in the constitutional reform and local political environment, please excuse me if I have any misunderstanding of the current political / constitutional system.

Thank you for your attention.

Best Regards,

Note : Please keep my identity confidential
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Date : September 24, 2004

Proposed Amendments in respect of the Method for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2007

i. The Number of Members of the Election Committee

Views :

I would suggest the number of members to be 1000. One more sector should be added which comprises of 200 members.

Rationale :

Including more members as the Election Committee makes the acceptability of the election more profound. However, we cannot unlimitedly include too many.

ii. The Composition of the Election Committee

Views :

I would suggest the composition to have 5 sectors. One more sector of 200 members to be added which are composed of different groups of citizen e.g. women, elderly, college undergraduates (aged above 18), disabled, general public mass of various aged / class group.

Rationale :

It is a step that mimics universal suffrage.

iii. The Number of Members of the Election Committee Required for Nominating Candidates for the Office of Chief Executive

Views :

Remains 100.

Rationale :

I think this is suitable figure.

iv. The Delineation and Size of the Electorate of the Election Committee

Views :

The number of sub-sector and voter-based should be increase.

Rationale :

This helps to improve the acceptability of the election.

v. Others

- I would suggest elimination of the body vote but only allow the individual vote.

Proposed Amendments in respect of the Method for Forming the Legislative Council in 2008

i. The Number of Seats in the Legislative Council

Views :

I would suggest the number of seats to be increased to 70 in total in which 35 seats for Geographical Constituencies (GC) and 35 for Functional Constituencies (FC).

However, we have to bear in mind that the number of seats cannot unlimitedly increase for it will take longer discussion or processing time in making decision.

Rationale :

For GC, increase the number of seats can further allow the political parties to have division of labour on different issues. This helps the political parties to be more mature.

For FC, increase the number of seats can allow more important industries to have their voice in the LegCo to shape their future development. It is also a sign from the government that we treasure and respect a particular industry.

ii. The Number of Seats Returned by Geographical Constituencies through Direct Elections

Views :

The number of seats returned by GC has to be in proportional to the population distribution. The number of seats is suggested to be 35.

Currently we have 5 districts for the GC election, I think it is good enough and should remain unchanged for a period of time.

Rationale :

Since we have a few political superstars that dominate the LegCo, by increasing the number of seats in GC, more new comers can join the party and be trained up as new superstars. This helps in overall maturity of the various political parties.

Further breakdown of the 5 districts will make it looks like the District Council election. If so, candidates with support from a comparatively small group of citizen can enter the LegCo which implies more lengthy discussion in passing law.

iii. The Number of Seats Returned by Functional Constituencies

Views :

As more and more new industries are evolving and the changes in the economic and social environment, I would suggest the number of seats for the FC be increased to 35.

Rationale :

Personally, I would regard giving an industry a seat for FC in LegCo is due to the following reasons :

- The industry has a substantial size of citizen;
- The industry has significant contribution to the prosperity of local economy;
- The industry is playing an important functional role in the society;

- The government intentionally helps the development of a particular industry.

iv. The Delineation and Size of the Electorate of Legislative Council Functional Constituencies

Views :

Currently, the delineation is good enough, the proposed additional 5 seats can be proposed by the public or LegCo members or government. As long as it has two-third consent from the LegCo, consent from the CE and approval from National People's Congress (NPC).

Personally, I would suggest the following seats can be added :

One more seat for the Labour FC;
One more seat for the Engineer FC;
One seat for Natural Conservation and Environmental Protection;
Two seats to be determined.

Rationale :

More FC seats means more comprehensive representation of different industries that scrutinize the work of government and shape the future development of various industries.

One more seat is suggested for Labour FC is because the size of the citizen is the largest. After the addition, they will have 4 seats. Further sub-division within these 4 seats is needed. It is better to classify the voters within the Labour FC according to their job nature.

One more seat for the Engineer FC is because the job nature of the Engineers are so diverse, e.g. Civil Engineer, System Engineer, Mechanic Engineer, Electronic Engineer and so on.

One seat for the Natural Conservation and Environmental Protection is due to emphasis should be placed in developing this industry.

v. Provisions regarding Nationality of Legislative Council Members

Views :

The number of seats that allow non-Chinese nationality or who has the right of abode in foreign country will be increased to 14 (if the at most 20% rule still hold).

I would suggest the additional 2 seats to be Information Technology (IT) FC and Natural Conservation and Environmental Protection FC.

Rationale :

The reason for choosing IT and Natural Conservation and Environmental Protection FC is because the representative of two FCs may have substantial foreign exposure or are foreigners.

vi. Others

- I would suggest a new mechanism to be established to govern the changes in the LegCo election system. Rules on addition or removal and merging or splitting

of the FC or GC seat have to be established. Addition of the FC has to be supported by the relevant industry. This is to avoid giving one seat to a particular industry but in the end no representative turns up for the seat.

- The new election system has to be finalized and approved by the NPCC one year before the election should that citizen have time to get well-prepared for the new system.
- More education on the purpose of having GC and FC for the general public should be arranged.
- The number of people enrolled in the FC election should be increased. The public awareness of their eligibility and rights in the FC election should be raised. Take the Labour FC as an example, the number of voters is extremely small but they have the largest number of seats in FC.
- The FC should not be cancelled as it has its special purposes. Besides, please specify the differences between individual and body voters.
- From the previous LegCo election held in this September, the voting rate indeed is not very high (though it reached ~55%). More work has to be done on increasing the voting rate.
- At most each citizen can have 2 votes, one in FC and another is GC.
- I would suggest removal of the body vote but allow the individual vote only.