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Dear Sir/Ms

Functional constituencies should be discontinued as the system is grossly unproportional representation of the people in the Legislative Council.

A personal friend shared with me his recommendation which would make votes in the Legislative Council representative of Hong Kong electors' will.

Functional constituencies can only be proportional to the total registered voters by weighting each elected individuals' votes on issues in the council. If one functional constituency has only, say, 300 registered voters, then all votes by the Council member elected from that constituency should be counted as 300 divided by 3 million, if that were the universe of the total S.A.R. registered voters for that year's Legislative Council. Members elected from geographical constituencies would also have weighted votes which would thus be proportionally represented votes on issues in the Council.

Accountability of Government leaders is one of the achievements of government by the people through the ballot box.

Democracy in any nation is not well served by 'corpocracy' or representation of vested interests. This, by definition, tends towards oligarchy; no matter how benevolent the social intentions of Government might be for economic development and betterment of the well-being of the population.

Kind regards,  
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