

Dear Sir,

I want to explain my reason to stand against the proposed reform for your kind consideration.

I would like to express my objection to the latest electoral reform proposal based on the following:

one substantive element is increasing the number of the electoral committee who are eligible to vote on the future Chief Executive, but the make-up of the expanded electoral has not changed in essence or quality.

1) the government can still appoint District Councillors effectively holding roughly half a million votes in the last election.

2) the percentage of company representatives in the electoral committee is unchanged. I would like to know whether the government's interpretation of balanced/equal participations put the interests represented by a company director at many multiples of an individual employee thus giving them such a big percentage of votes compared to us who are salary-takers or self-employed? I question the government's motive behind supporting the company voters, because it is easier for the government to influence and party up with company interests through policies. This is 100% against the public sentiment that government should steer clear of commercial interests, especially and particularly in the election of the Chief Executive. Commercial interests are already well represented in the Executive Council. It is my opinion that in order for the most important election i.e. of the CE to be fair and seen to be fair, the government should adjust the policy of using company voters in the electoral committee.

3) The 5 additional legco seats, and the expanded electoral committee are not bad steps; but the expanded number is not matched with an expanded percentage of representatives directly chosen by the individual hk voters. I do not perceive a genuine step in giving hk voters genuine authority in choosing or not choosing the Chief Executive of his liking.

The combination of both 1), 2) and 3) make the new electoral reform totally an ineffective gesture as regards the opening of the election. It remains a gesture, no matter how friendly. I will not vote for this proposal, and indeed will vote against, unless the government makes a genuine change in the policy regarding company votes in electoral committee and/or CE-appointed district councillors.

Please note that this is not in disregard of harmony or unity. This is just the only way I can express my desire to see something better, a desire that cannot be expressed if I compromise and vote for supporting the government proposal.

I have thus explained my reason to stand against the proposed reform for your kind consideration. Thank you for your attention.

Regards,
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