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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Policy on elderly housing”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 805/09-10 issued on 18 June 2010, three Members (Hon WONG Sing-chi, Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou and Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon LAU Kong-wah’s motion on “Policy on elderly housing” scheduled for the Council meeting of 30 June 2010. As directed by the President, the respective proposed amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon LAU Kong-wah to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon LAU Kong-wah’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the three Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon WONG Sing-chi;
 - (ii) Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou; and

- (iii) Hon Albert CHAN;
- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon LAU Kong-wah to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) again to speak;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon WONG Sing-chi to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon WONG Sing-chi's amendment;
- (i) after Hon WONG Sing-chi's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon LAU Kong-wah to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon LAU Kong-wah's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Policy on elderly housing”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 30 June 2010**

1. Hon LAU Kong-wah’s original motion

That, as safe and stable accommodation and environment are fundamental and important elements of the lives of the elderly, and promoting ‘ageing in the community’ is all the more an important principle and belief of the SAR Government’s elderly policy, this Council urges the Government to formulate a targeted, comprehensive and long-term planning policy on elderly housing to meet the challenges arising from an ageing population, which includes:

- (a) to examine afresh the current land planning and formulate a comprehensive land policy with sites earmarked for elderly housing purposes;
- (b) to actively explore the introduction of the ‘mixed use development’ concept in private and public housing, and design a residence model which integrates elderly housing and complementary facilities, so as to lay the foundation for building a society of mutual care between the elderly and the young;
- (c) making reference to the experience of the Senior Citizen Residences Scheme currently undertaken by the Hong Kong Housing Society, to provide more incentives to encourage developers and non-governmental organizations in possession of land resources, etc. to develop elderly housing projects with complete complementary facilities for living;
- (d) to actively encourage the banking and insurance sectors to explore more financial packages, such as ‘elderly housing insurance schemes’, ‘reverse mortgage schemes’, etc., with a view to helping the elderly improve their living environment and lives in their twilight years; and
- (e) to review the existing policies on welfare and health care services for the elderly to enable those elderly people who choose to live in the Mainland to have peace of mind and enjoy their twilight years there.

2. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Sing-chi

That, as *there are currently more than 1.2 million elderly people in Hong Kong which account for about 18% of our population, and* safe and stable accommodation and environment are fundamental and important elements of the lives of the elderly,

and promoting 'ageing in the community' is all the more an important principle and belief of the SAR Government's elderly policy; *in this connection*, this Council urges the Government to formulate a targeted, comprehensive and long-term planning policy on elderly housing to meet the challenges arising from an ageing population, which includes:

- (a) to examine afresh the current land planning and formulate a comprehensive land policy with sites earmarked for elderly housing purposes;
- (b) to actively explore the introduction of the 'mixed use development' concept in private and public housing, and design a residence model which integrates elderly housing and complementary facilities, so as to lay the foundation for building a society of mutual care between the elderly and the young;
- (c) *to draw up a timetable for the expeditious provision of spacious small-sized flats with self-contained kitchens and toilets to all elderly people residing in 'elderly housing', so that they can live comfortably and securely;*
- (d) *to install facilities in old public rental housing ('PRH') estates and shopping malls that suit the daily life of elderly people, such as retrofitting handrails and ramps at passageways, paving the floor with non-slippery tiles, installing automatic doors, etc., so as to provide a safe and convenient living environment;*
- (e) *in PRH estates with relatively more elderly residents, to provide community facilities that can cater for the needs of elderly people, such as pebble paths, gateball courts, fitness equipment, chess tables, etc., and social welfare services such as meal service, personal care, estate clinics as well as recreation centres for the elderly; and to enhance efforts in caring for elderly residents in PRH estates by paying regular visits to singleton and hidden elders and organizing activities for them, so as to enable them to have more contacts with the community;*
- (e)(f) making reference to the experience of the Senior Citizen Residences Scheme currently undertaken by the Hong Kong Housing Society, to provide more incentives to encourage developers and non-governmental organizations in possession of land resources, etc. to develop elderly housing projects with complete complementary facilities for living;
- (d)(g) to actively encourage the banking and insurance sectors to explore more financial packages, such as 'elderly housing insurance schemes', 'reverse mortgage schemes', etc., with a view to helping the elderly improve their living environment and lives in their twilight years; and
- (e)(h) to review the existing policies on welfare and health care services for the elderly, *and immediately implement the verdict of the High Court to abolish the absence limit for receiving Old Age Allowance, so as to enable those*

elderly people who choose to live in the Mainland to have peace of mind and enjoy their twilight years there.

Note: Hon WONG Sing-chi's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou

That, as *in view of the rapid growth of old age population in Hong Kong, and* safe and stable accommodation and environment are fundamental and important elements of the lives of the elderly, and promoting 'ageing in the community' is all the more an important principle and belief of the SAR Government's elderly policy, this Council urges the Government to formulate a targeted, comprehensive and long-term planning policy on elderly housing *to provide suitable accommodation to elderly people of different financial means, health conditions and community support, so as* to meet the challenges arising from an ageing population, which includes:

- (a) to examine afresh the current land planning and formulate a comprehensive land policy with sites earmarked for elderly housing purposes;
- (b) to actively explore the introduction of the 'mixed use development' concept in private and public housing, and design a residence model which integrates elderly housing and complementary facilities, so as to lay the foundation for building a society of mutual care between the elderly and the young;
- (c) making reference to the experience of the Senior Citizen Residences Scheme currently undertaken by the Hong Kong Housing Society, to provide more incentives to encourage developers and non-governmental organizations in possession of land resources, etc. to develop elderly housing projects with complete complementary facilities for living;
- (d) to actively encourage the banking and insurance sectors to explore more financial packages, such as 'elderly housing insurance schemes', 'reverse mortgage schemes', etc., with a view to helping the elderly improve their living environment and lives in their twilight years; ~~and~~
- (e) to review the existing policies on welfare and health care services for the elderly to enable those elderly people who choose to live in the Mainland to have peace of mind and enjoy their twilight years there;
- (f) *to review the public housing policies relating to the elderly, and increase the supply of elderly housing, with a view to further shortening the waiting time of elderly people for public rental housing ('PRH');*

- (g) *to enhance or provide relevant schemes under PRH policy to encourage core families to live with or near their elderly relatives to facilitate the caring of the elderly;*
- (h) *to improve the design and facilities of elderly housing to facilitate the activities of elderly people with disabilities as well as enhance home safety; and*
- (i) *to review the existing community and medical services for the elderly so as to enhance support for elderly people living at home.*

Note: Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

That, as *the elderly population has been rising in recent years and the Government has failed to provide reasonable elderly housing arrangements over the years, resulting in deterioration in the living environment of many elderly people; and* safe and stable accommodation and environment are fundamental and important elements of the lives of the elderly, and promoting 'ageing in the community' is all the more an important principle and belief of the SAR Government's elderly policy, this Council urges the Government to formulate a targeted, comprehensive and long-term planning policy on elderly housing to meet the challenges arising from an ageing population, which includes:

- (a) *the policy on elderly housing should be led by public rental housing, and the Government must expeditiously increase the production of public rental housing ('PRH') units with a view to shortening the waiting time of the elderly for PRH, so as to improve their living environment;*
- (b) *through the provision of more self-contained PRH flats for singleton elders and allocation of such flats to the elderly people who currently have to live with other unrelated persons in the same PRH flats, to thoroughly resolve the problems arising from singleton elders living with other unrelated persons in the same flats;*
- ~~(a)~~(c) to examine afresh the current land planning and formulate a comprehensive land policy with sites earmarked for elderly housing purposes;
- ~~(b)~~(d) to actively explore the introduction of the 'mixed use development' concept in private and public housing, and design a residence model which integrates elderly housing and complementary facilities, so as to lay the foundation for building a society of mutual care between the elderly and the young;

- ~~(e)~~(e) making reference to the experience of the Senior Citizen Residences Scheme currently undertaken by the Hong Kong Housing Society, to provide more incentives to encourage developers and non-governmental organizations in possession of land resources, etc. to develop elderly housing projects with complete complementary facilities for living;
- ~~(d)~~(f) to actively encourage the banking and insurance sectors to explore more financial packages, such as ‘elderly housing insurance schemes’, ‘reverse mortgage schemes’, etc., with a view to helping the elderly improve their living environment and lives in their twilight years; and
- (e)(g) to review the existing policies on welfare and health care services for the elderly to enable those elderly people who choose to live in the Mainland to have peace of mind and enjoy their twilight years there.

Note: Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.