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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members-elect of the Legislative Council

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**Election of the President of the Seventh Legislative Council**

Under Article 71 of the Basic Law and Rule 4(1) of the Rules of Procedure (“RoP”), the President of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) shall be elected by and from among Members. Rule 12(2) of RoP provides that the election of the President shall be held before the first meeting of a term. The procedure for the election as set out in Schedule 1 to RoP (“Schedule 1”) is **attached**.

Invitation for nominations

2. In accordance with the election procedure, I now invite nominations for the office of the President. Members-elect are requested to note that:

- (a) the **nomination form** in the attached Annex I to Schedule 1 should be used for making nominations;
- (b) the Member being nominated shall **sign on the nomination form** to indicate acceptance of the nomination and **complete the statutory declaration** in Part II of the nomination form;
- (c) **the name of a Member shall not appear on more than one nomination form, whether in the capacity as a Member being nominated, or as a Member making the nomination, or as a Member seconding the nomination;** and
- (d) the completed nomination forms should reach the office of the Clerk to LegCo via email at [mhon@legco.gov.hk](mailto:mhon@legco.gov.hk) by **5:00 pm on Tuesday 4 January 2022**.

3. A list of all valid nominations in the order of their receipt by the Clerk to LegCo will be distributed to all Members not later than Wednesday 5 January 2022. The election of the President will be conducted in accordance with the procedure in paragraphs 6 to 15 of Schedule 1.

Special forum

4. According to rule 1A(f) of the House Rules, prior to the election of the President, a candidate for the presidency shall present his platform and answer questions from Members at a special forum. The procedure for the conduct of the forum is set out in Appendix I to the House Rules.

5. Details of the special forum and the election are as follows:

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Special forum</b>	Monday 10 January 2022	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Conference Room 1, LegCo Complex
<b>Election of the President</b>		11:30 am (or immediately after the special forum, whichever is earlier)	

6. Under RoP 1, no Member of the Council shall be present or vote at the election of the President until the Member has made or subscribed an oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance (Cap. 11). Accordingly, Members-elect may only attend or vote at the election of the President subject to validation of their LegCo Oaths.

(Miranda HON)  
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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**Procedure for the  
Election of the President of the Legislative Council**

**General**

1. The Clerk shall be responsible for conducting the election of the President of the Council.

**Nominations**

2. Not less than 7 clear days before the day of the election, the Clerk to the Council shall invite Members to make nominations for the office of President and distribute the nomination forms as provided in **Annex I**.

3. A nomination form for the office of President shall be signed by a Member making the nomination and by at least three other Members seconding the nomination. The Member being nominated shall sign on the form to indicate acceptance of the nomination and to declare that he or she is qualified to become the President under Article 71 of the Basic Law and Rule 4(2) (Election of President). The completed nomination form shall reach the Clerk's office at least 4 clear days before the day of the election.

4. The name of a Member shall not appear on more than one nomination form, whether in the capacity as a Member being nominated, or as a Member making the nomination, or as a Member seconding the nomination. In the event that a Member's name appears on more than one nomination form (whether in the capacity as a Member being nominated or as a Member making the nomination, or as a Member seconding the nomination), only the first such nomination form received by the Clerk's office shall be valid and the Clerk shall immediately return any invalid form to the Member who made the nomination.

5. Upon the close of the nomination period, the Clerk shall prepare a list of all the nominations in the order of receipt by his office and shall distribute the list to all the Members of the Council at least 2 clear days before the day of the election.

## **Election**

6. The Clerk shall be present at the election of the President and shall provide administrative support and services for Members to elect the President.

7. Upon the Clerk having confirmed that Members are ready, the election of the President shall commence. The Clerk shall announce all the valid nominations that the Clerk's office has received.

8. If there is only one valid nomination for the office of President, the Clerk shall announce this and declare the candidate elected.

9. If there are two or more valid nominations, the Clerk shall announce that a vote by secret ballot will commence and shall distribute to each of the Members present a ballot paper which shall be in accordance with the form in **Annex II**. The names of all the candidates shall be listed in the ballot paper according to the order of receipt of their nominations by the Clerk's office.

10. A Member present who wishes to vote shall mark a "✓" only in the box opposite the name of the candidate of his choice on the ballot paper, and place the ballot paper into the ballot box. Any ballot paper not marked, not properly marked or marked with more than a "✓" shall be discarded.

11. After all the Members present who wish to vote have cast their votes, the Clerk shall count the ballot papers in front of all the Members present.

12. The Clerk shall declare elected as the President the candidate who receives the highest number of votes among all the candidates and then conclude the election.

13. If two or more candidates receive the same highest number of votes, the Clerk shall arrange a second round of voting in respect of these candidates, to be conducted in the same manner as provided in paragraphs 9 to 12 above.

14. If no one candidate obtains more votes than any other candidate in the second round of voting, the Clerk shall announce that lots will be drawn by him to decide which of the candidates should be the President and then conclude the election.

15. The Clerk shall then draw lots and, in accordance with the result of the drawing of the lots, forthwith declare that candidate elected as the President and then conclude the election.

*(L.N. 107 of 1999; L.N. 42 of 2014; L.N. 187 of 2017)*

To: Clerk to the Legislative Council

**Election of the President of the Legislative Council**

**Nomination Form**

**Part I: Nomination**

1. In accordance with the election procedure prescribed under Schedule 1 to the Rules of Procedure, I nominate the Honourable \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of President of the Legislative Council commencing \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

Name

Signature

Member making the nomination

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Members seconding the nomination  
(at least three)

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I accept the nomination.

Name

Signature

Member being nominated

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part II: Statutory declaration

### Rule 4(1) and (2) of and Schedule 1 to the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Residential address)

solemnly and sincerely declare that I am qualified to become the President of the Legislative Council under Article 71 of the Basic Law and Rule 4(2) of the Rules of Procedure in that:

- (a) I will have reached 40 years of age on the day on which the election of the President of the Legislative Council will take place (i.e. date of election);
- (b) I am a Chinese citizen and permanent resident of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with no right of abode in any foreign country; and
- (c) I will have ordinarily resided in Hong Kong for a continuous period of not less than 20 years before the day on which the election of the President of the Legislative Council will take place (i.e. date of election).

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance (Cap. 11).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Declarant)

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ in  
(Place where the declaration is made)

Hong Kong this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ .

Before me,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in BLOCK LETTERS: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \*Justice of the Peace/Notary Public/Commissioner for Oaths/solicitor with a practising certificate

Note: \* Please delete whichever is inapplicable

(L.N. 42 of 2014; L.N. 25 of 2019)

**Election of the President of the Legislative Council**

**Ballot Paper**

Date of election: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY**

MARK “✓” IN BOX OPPOSITE  
NAME OF CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE

Name of candidate



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Note: If there are more or less than 5 candidates the final form of the Ballot Paper will be amended accordingly.