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Revising the arrangements for implementing Community Involvement Programme and District Minor Works Programme CB(4)1612/20-21(02) to be discussed at the Panel on Home Affairs meeting on 11 October 2021

The government recognizes the impact of vacant seats in District Councils

“With a significant proportion of DC seats remaining vacant, the current arrangement of having to seek DCs’ endorsement for all such projects has become untenable. In addition, there are DCs which do not have sufficient members to proceed with the election of Council Chairman and for that matter unable to convene DC meetings. The public may also consider it unfair and unreasonable to leave the interest of their community to a very small minority of DC members.”

The government now proposes to suspend important roles of District Councils for the same reason

“suspend the role of District Councils (DCs) in implementing projects under the Community Involvement Programme (CIP) and the District Minor Works Programme (DMWP) in light of the latest situation of the Sixth Term DCs”.



The District Council Ordinance stipulates requirements for by-elections when there are vacancies

“The Electoral Affairs Commission must, in accordance with regulations in force under the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541), arrange for a by-election to be held in the following circumstances and not otherwise on the making of a declaration as to the existence of a vacancy in the membership of a District Council under section 32.”

All of us took an oath

‘serve the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region conscientiously, dutifully, in full accordance with the law, honestly and with integrity’

Therefore, we ask:

1. Rather than suspending the roles of the District Councils, shall we expedite District Council by-election in full accordance with Cap 547(33)? If not, why not?
2. At the same time, we urge government to commit to expedite the implementation of district minor works projects, especially those which have already been approved in principle.

Yours sincerely

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