

# SUPPORT CLEAN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION

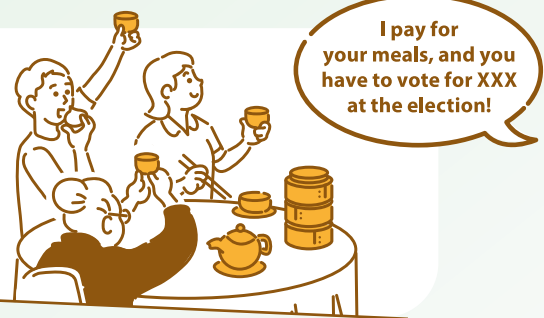


The Legislative Council Election will be held in September this year. The election is regulated by the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554) (ECICO) enforced by the ICAC. According to the ECICO, an elector or any person **must not** within Hong Kong or elsewhere:

- ✘ Solicit or accept any advantage (including money, gift, etc.), food, drink, or entertainment from any person for influencing his voting decision;
- ✘ Use force or duress against an elector to induce him to vote or not to vote for a particular candidate at an election;
- ✘ Obstruct or prevent an elector by deception from voting at an election;
- ✘ Vote at an election knowing that he is not entitled to do so, or vote at an election after having knowingly or recklessly given false information to an electoral officer.

## Example 1

- It is an offence for any person to offer free meals to electors with a view to inducing or rewarding votes for a particular candidate.
- Electors who accept the above meals for influencing their votes will also commit an offence.



Fake news?



## Example 2

- It is an offence for any person to use force against electors for inducing them not to vote for a particular candidate at an election.
- Any person who by deception obstructs or prevents an elector from voting at an election, such as spreading false or misleading messages, will also commit an offence.

## Example 3

- Any person who votes at an election knowing that he is not entitled to do so (e.g. he has ceased to remain qualified as a functional constituency [FC] elector) will contravene the ECICO.
- Any person who knowingly provides false information for voter registration (e.g. provides false academic qualification and working experience for registration as an FC elector) will contravene the relevant Electoral Affairs Commission Regulation. If the person subsequently votes at the election, he will also contravene the ECICO.

I may vote at the FC election after providing false academic qualification and working experience to register as an FC elector!



**The maximum penalty of contravening the ECICO is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for 7 years.**

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