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### Twenty eight Legco candidates score 10 in Environmental Protection Press Release

The Conservancy Association (CA) announced today that 28 Legco candidates scored full marks in Environmental Protection; they had signed the “04 Legco Environment Compact” and pledged to commit themselves to dealing with 10 urgent green issues, which include opposing the construction of a superjail in Hei Ling Chau, demanding the Government to conduct a review on the Hung Hom Peninsula incident, urging the Government to establish a Harbour Authority, pushing the Administration to implement waste charging scheme, legislating a nature conservation law and heritage conservation law before 2008, etc. (for details, please to Appendix 1) Besides, 41 candidates had supported 4 to 9 green issues in the compact; 4 candidates declined to sign and the remaining 86 did not reply.

CA had sent out the compact to all 159 candidates in early August, and reminded all of them of the deadline to sign the compact. CA regretted that 86 candidates did not reply at all. Environmental protection has become increasingly higher on the public agenda as evidenced by the Long Valley Incident, Harbour Reclamation and the Save King Yin Lei Campaign. Keeping the environment free from pollution is not the only demand from the public: they now aspire a quality living environment and a sustainable lifestyle. Making laws and monitoring the government are the responsibilities of the Legco, all the legislators should not shun their responsibility.

CA is of the view that voters should take note of the green platform of the candidates and exercise their rights judiciously. For those candidates who did not reply, they owe the public an explanation of their stances.

To our dismay, not one of the 11 automatically elected legislators in the functional constituency replied. As every vote counts in the Legco, all legislators should be responsible to the Hong Kong people, and not just their respective sectors.

Candidates from the geographical constituency fared better than their counterparts in the functional constituency as a whole: there is a difference of nearly 30 percentage points between the two. Among the 28 “full marks” candidates, 20 came from the geographical constituency and the remaining 8, functional constituency. Thirty geographical constituency candidates and 11 functional constituency candidates supported 4 to 9 green issues. If supporting one issue equals one marks, among the geographical constituency candidates, four scored nine marks, four scored eight marks, 21 seven marks, one 4 marks; as for functional constituency candidates, four scored eight marks, six seven marks and one six marks.

Out of the 73 candidates who replied, four (one geographical constituency and three functional constituency candidates) declined to sign the compact for the following reasons respectively: to remain unbiased, busy, to avoid mistakes and the compact had no legal basis.

Compared to other items in the compact, opposing the construction of a superjail complex in Hei Ling Chau had less support. CA is of the view that some candidates did not fully aware of the planning implications and the sham consultation conducted by the Administration. CA will unveil the superjail fallacy when the new Legco term begins.

The top three items supported by candidates are: 5. Urge the Government to implement Total Water Management, push for water recycling and reuse, review the institutional structure and increase the efficiency for water supply and treatment ; 2. Object to the demolition of Hunghom Peninsula which will waste our valuable resources and generate tremendous construction waste. Request the Government to review the incident and reform the institutional structure to prevent the same happening again and 10. Monitor the Government in preparing a sustainable development strategy. Urge the Government to re-deploy resources to all districts to formulate and implement Local Agenda 21.

“The society has reached a consensus to protect the environment,” said Albert Lai, chairperson of CA, “the problem remained how to realize the aspiration of the people to quality living environment and a sustainable lifestyle. I hope the would-be legislators will honour the Environment Compact and we will monitor their works. For those candidates who did not reply I hope they can reconsider and sign the compact.”

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#### Appendix 1 : 04 Legco Environment Compact

1. Request the Government to protect the natural and ecological environment of Hei Ling Chau. Object to the development of super-prison which will involve extensive reclamation, or any other large-scale project.
2. Object to the demolition of Hunghom Peninsula which will waste our valuable resources and generate tremendous construction waste. Request the Government to review the incident and reform the institutional structure to prevent the same happening again
3. Urge the Government to set up a Harbour Authority to solely responsible for the protection of Victoria Harbour and the planning and management of the harbour-front districts.
4. Urge the implementation of second stage of Harbour Area Treatment Scheme and monitor its progress. Support the Biological Treatment.
5. Urge the Government to implement Total Water Management, push for water recycling and reuse, review the institutional structure and increase the efficiency for water supply and treatment ;
6. Request the Government to prepare the nature conservation legislation before 2008 and set up a mechanism to provide funding through land revenue to enable conservation work ;
7. Request the Government to prepare heritage preservation legislation and set up a mechanism to ensure viable preservation options are implemented with adequate financial resources ;
8. Request the Government to implement the waste charges scheme and producer responsibility scheme through legislation, ensuring the polluter pay principle and a sustainable waste management strategy are put into practice.
9. Implement a Quality-of-Life-led planning instead of the current transport-led planning. Support electronic road pricing and pedestrianization.
10. Monitor the Government in preparing a sustainable development strategy. Urge the Government to re-deploy resources to all districts to formulate and implement Local Agenda 21.

## Appendix 2

### Geographical Constituency Candidates

10 Marks	HK Island	MA LIK
		CHOY SO YUK
		CHUNG SHU KUN CHRISTOPHER
		YEUNG WAI FOON
		LEE YUEN KWONG
		CHEUNG KWOK KWAN
		EU YUET MEE AUDREY
	KLN West	FUNG KIN KEE FREDERICK
		LAU CHIN SHEK
		LIU SING LEE
	KLN East	LEONG KAH KIT ALAN
		CHAN YUEN HAN
		LAM MAN FAI
	NT West	CHAN WAI YIP ALBERT
		CHAN CHOI HI
		LEE CHEUK YAN
		IP NGOK FUNG
		YIM TIN SANG
	NT East	LAU WAI HING EMILY
		OR YIU LAM RICKY
<i>no. of persons</i>		20
9 marks	KLN West	LAU YUK SHING
	NT West	CHAR SHIK NGOR STEPHEN
	NT East	LEUNG KWOK HUNG
		WONG WANG FAT ANDREW
<i>no. of persons</i>		4
8 marks	HK Island	TSANG KIN SHING
		CHUNG CHUNG FAI
		TANG CHUI CHUNG
	KLN East	TO KWAN HANG ANDREW
<i>no. of persons</i>		4

7 Marks	HK Island	YEUNG SUM
		LEE CHU MING MARTIN
		LAI CHI KEONG
	KLN West	TO KUN SUN JAMES
		CHAN KA WAI
		LAM HO YEUNG
		MA KEE
	KLN East	LI WAH MING
		WU CHI WAI
		HO WAI TO
		TANG KA PIU
	NT West	LEE WING TAT
		CHAN YUEN SUM
		HO CHUN YAN
		CHEUNG YIN TUNG
		CHOW PING TIM
		LUI HAU TUEN
		SIU SHING CHOI
	NT East	CHENG KAR FOO ANDREW
		WONG SING CHI
		HO SUK PING SHIRLEY
<i>no. of persons</i>		21
4 Marks	NT West	NG TAK LEUNG
<i>no. of persons</i>		1
Declined	HK Island	HSU LAI TAI RITA
<i>no. of persons</i>		1

0 Marks		WONG KAM FAI
		HO SAU LAN CYD
	KLN West	LEUNG SUET FONG
		LAU PO KWAN
		TSANG YOK SING JASPER
		CHUNG KONG MO
		LEE WAI KING STARRY
	KLN East	CHAN KAM LAM
		CHOI CHUN WA
		CHAN TAK MING
		CHENG ALBERT JING HAN
	NT West	LEUNG YIU CHUNG
		WAN SIU KIN ANDREW
		KWUN TUNG WING
		TAM YIU CHUNG
		CHEUNG HOK MING
		LEUNG CHE CHEUNG
		AU YEUNG PO CHUN
		TSUI FAN
		CHAN HAN PAN
		LO KWONG SHING ANDY
		NG KING WAH
		CHOW LIANG SHUK YEE SELINA
		TING WOO SHOU KENNETH
		KONG FUNG YI
		TAI YIN CHIU
	NT East	TSO WUNG WAI
		TONG KA WAH
		TSOI YIU CHEONG RICHARD
		TIEN PEI CHUN JAMES
		LAU KONG WAH
		LI KWOK YING
		MOK KAM KWAI
		CHAN KWOK KAI
		SO SAI CHI
		WONG PIK KIU
		CHAN HAK KAN
<i>no. of persons</i>		37

## Functional Constituency Candidates

10 Marks	ACCOUNTANCY	LEUNG WING ON LOUIS	0 Marks	HEUNG YEE KUK	LAM WAI KEUNG*
		CHOI SAU YUK		AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES	WONG YUNG KAN *
	LABOUR	CHAN KWOK KEUNG		INSURANCE	CHAN BERNARD CHARNWUT *
	SOCIAL WELFARE	FANG MENG SANG CHRISTINE		TRANSPORT	LAU KIN YEE MIRIAM *
		CHEUNG CHIU HUNG		EDUCATION	YU KAI CHUN
	TEXTILES AND GARMENT	KWAN KAM YUEN		LEGAL	TONG KEI YUK JUDY
	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL	FUNG LEUNG LO			KWONG KA YIN
	DISTRICT COUNCIL	KWONG KWOK CHUEN		ACCOUNTANCY	TAM HEUNG MAN
<i>no. of persons</i>		8			WONG WANG TAI
8Marks	MEDICAL	MA KAM CHUEN JOHNNY			CHOW KWONG FAI EDWARD
	HEALTH SERVICES	LEE KOK LONG JOSEPH			WU SHEK CHUN WILFRED
	A.S.P.	CHAN JOR KIN KENNETH			KUNG YIU FAI ELVE
	INFORMATION	LEUNG MUN YEE		MEDICAL	LO WING LOK
<i>no. of persons</i>		4			KWOK KA KI
7Marks	EDUCATION	CHEUNG MAN KWONG		HEALTH SERVICES	SIU KWAI FUNG
	A.S.P.	NG WING FAI STANLEY			MAK KWOK FUNG MICHAEL
	SOCIAL WELFARE	CHEUNG KWOK CHE			PONG SCARLETT OI LAN
	S.P.C.P.	LAM HON KIN		ENGINEERING	HO CHUNG TAI RAYMOND
	INFORMATION	SIN CHUNG KAI			LUK WANG KWONG
	CATERING	CHAN SHU YING JOSEPHINE		A.S.P.	NISSIM ROGER ANTHONY
<i>no. of persons</i>		6			LAU SAU SHING PATRICK
6 Marks	FINANCIAL SERVICES	WU KING CHEONG			LAU PING CHEUNG KAIZER
<i>no. of persons</i>		1			CHAN YIU FAI
Declined	LEGAL	NG NGOI YEE MARGARET		LABOUR	KWONG CHI KIN
	ACCOUNTANCY	CHAN PO FUN PETER			LI FUNG YING
	ACCOUNTANCY	CHAN MO PO			WONG KWOK HING
<i>no. of persons</i>		3		REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION	SHEK LAI HIM ABRAHAM *
				TOURISM	YIP HING NING FREDDY
					YOUNG HOWARD
					TSE WAI CHUN PAUL
				COMMERCIAL (FIRST)	LAM KIN FUNG JEFFREY *
				COMMERCIAL (SECOND)	WONG YU HONG PHILIP *
				INDUSTRIAL (FIRST)	LEUNG KWAN YUEN ANDREW *
				INDUSTRIAL (SECOND)	LUI MING WAH *
				FINANCE	LI KWOK PO DAVID *
				FINANCIAL SERVICES	CHIM PUI CHUNG
					CHEUNG WAH FUNG
					FUNG KA PUN
					FUNG CHI KIN
				S.P.C.P	FOK TIMOTHY TSUN TING
				IMPORT AND EXPORT	WONG TING KWONG *
				TEXTILES AND GARMENT	LAU YAU FUN SOPHIE
				WHOLESALE AND RETAIL	CHAN TIM SHING MANUEL
					FANG KANG VINCENT
				INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	TAM WAI HO
				CATERING	CHEUNG YU YAN TOMMY
					WONG SIN YING
				DISTRICT COUNCIL	LAU WONG FAT
					AU CHI YUEN
			<i>no. of persons</i>		49

\*automatically elected