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ELECTION COMMISSION



**Guidelines for the candidates for the Election of Sikyong and Members of
the 18th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, 2025-2026**

1. Candidates for the election of Sikyong and the 18th Tibetan Parliament in Exile cannot use picture of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Tibetan national flag, the emblem of the Central Tibetan Administration and map of Tibet, for their election campaign.
2. By adhering both in letter and spirit to the Charter and the Election Rules and Regulations, CTA, candidates must strictly follow the model code of conduct and guidelines issued by the Election Commission for the electoral process.
3. Although candidates may conduct their election campaigns through speeches, correspondence, publications, and personal websites, they cannot make personal criticisms, actions causing discord, religious and regional divisions, bribery, or any form of inducements.
4. The fundamental rights of individual voters must be protected. Exerting coercion or pressurising someone to vote or not to vote is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, no candidate, supporter, or anyone may solicit support or assistance related to election matters from official staff of the Central Tibetan Administration, particularly election officials, by exploiting their positions or seeking favour.
5. Candidates are not allowed to disseminate false information or distribute materials about the electoral procedures of the Central Election Commission to the public or media outlets.
6. Candidates must respect the local laws of their respective places of residence. Those candidates based in politically sensitive regions must exercise caution and vigilance. They must comply with guidelines of the Election Commission. In particular, candidates and their supporters must not cause obstructions or hindrance to campaign events of other candidates.
7. As stipulated in Article 24 (7) of the Election Regulations, all provincial or regional associations, religious institutions and NGOs are prohibited from releasing nominations and endorsing candidates for the elections of Sikyong and members of Tibetan Parliament.

8. Campaign materials such as announcements, leaflets, and banners for any candidate must clearly display the name and address of the person responsible for printing these materials.
9. In accordance with the electoral rules and regulations, no electoral campaign activities are allowed in schools.
10. Candidates must remain vigilant against disinformation and rumors on social media platforms etc.
11. Candidates must inform the Regional Election Commission for any election campaign activities that they undertake in their respective areas.
12. Candidates may carry out campaign activities during both preliminary as well as final elections. However, in accordance with Article 24(7-b), they shall cease their campaign activities two days prior to the election day until the announcement of the results.
13. As specified in Article 16 (5) of the Election Rules and Regulations, disputes related to local election matters must be investigated and resolved by the Regional Election Commission. Therefore, individual candidates or their supporters may approach the Regional Election Commission to resolve disputes, rather than directly approaching the Central Election Commission. However, if anyone is dissatisfied with the judgment of the Regional Election Commission, they can appeal to the Central Election Commission.
14. If anyone is found guilty of violating the above-mentioned guidelines, penalties will be imposed in accordance with the severity of the violation as per the provisions of Article 25 of the Election Rules and Regulations.

(NB: This is the English translation of the Tibetan original. In case of any discrepancy, please treat the Tibetan as final and authoritative)

