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Subject: Further Development of the Political Appointment System

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I write in response to the request for views in the consultation document on the above subject.

I object to the above proposal because:

- (i) It serves no purpose - a single person cannot give the Principal Officials much more support than the whole bureau staff behind each of the officials.
- (ii) Even the present Principal Officials do not work - with the Principal Officials put in the office by Tung five years ago, I cannot see any improvement in how the government rule HK better. It has only created a dozen or so high paid Officials, costing our budget millions of dollar every year. That is all.
- (iii) Governing body shall be Chief Executive with its civil service team - the present governing body shall the the government. If the Chief Executive cannot lead a big team of civil servants behind, he is just not fit for the job. Creating another dozen of Deputy Principal Officials would not help.
- (iv) Salary bill is too big already - our civil service is already big enough and there is not enough work to go around. The paperwork these people are doing are self-defeating. The indecision and non-direction of the government leadership is creating all the useless work load. The dealing with the party politics are also wasting lots of community resources.

Please create no more high paid posts for the Chief Executive to please the political parties. We need a Chief Executive who could lead the strong civil service work force in doing useful work for the community to enable the SAR to become an outstanding city in the world and, not one who wastes energy in sorting out power sharing between political parties and power groups. Let us go back to the old system. Take away the existing Principal Officers posts. We need none of them. We shall choose a Chief Executive who could lead whoever under him, not one who could only work for some particular fellows.

Unless HK people could choose the party to rule the place, there is no point to put in political appointment posts. If we are fortunate enough to get the blessing from Beijing some time in the future, we could then create a certain no. of politically appointed posts to be appointed by the one man one vote elected Chief Executive, as the Chief Executive in fact represents the ruling

party – the whole team. In other words, in choosing the Chief Executive, we choose the whole team, but not the person himself. However, in that situation, these posts will have to be offset by the equivalent posts within the civil service, as the policy setting work has been taken up by these political appointed bodies i.e. the civil service would become primarily an executive body. **Until that day comes, we should not have political appointed bodies.**

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