CANDIDATE PHOTOGRAPH ON BALLOT PAPER

To:

RETURNING OFFICER
Elections Department

From:

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Candidate Name

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Candidate NRIC No.

I have read the *Advisory to Candidates on Photographs on Ballot Paper* (see overleaf).

☐ I submit the attached photograph for inclusion in the ballot paper and *consent/do not consent to make it publicly accessible on the Singapore's Open Data Portal (www.data.gov.sg). This supersedes my earlier submission, if any.

☐ I have decided not to submit any photograph for inclusion in the ballot paper. I am aware that the designated space on the ballot paper for my photograph will state "No photo".

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Signature of Candidate   *Date*

*Delete whichever is inapplicable.

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Advisory to Candidates on Photographs on Ballot Paper

Candidates should submit their photographs by 12.30pm on Nomination Day (unless specified otherwise by the Returning Officer) and in conformance with the specifications stipulated by the Returning Officer for inclusion in the ballot paper. Otherwise, the space on the ballot paper for the candidate's photograph will state "No photo". For accuracy and consistency, candidates are advised to submit their photographs early.

For Group Representation Constituencies, the photographs of the candidates in a group will be placed left to right in the order in which the names of the candidates appear on the ballot paper. If some but not all the candidates in the group submit their photograph, the ballot paper will contain the photographs of those candidates in the group who have submitted their photograph. "No photo" will be indicated in the designated space for the photograph of the remaining candidate(s) in that group.

The image of the candidate must allow voters to recognise the candidate for voting purposes. The photograph shall –

    a.   be in black and white

    b.   be 400 pixels (width) by 514 pixels (height), and file size should be about 2MB in JPEG ('jpg' extension) format;

    c.   be in sharp focus and clear with no ink marks or creases;

    d.   have a plain white background or, in the case where the candidate's hair, hat or head covering is white, a plain light grey background;

    e.   be taken with uniform lighting and not show any flash reflection or shadow on the candidate's face or any uneven bright spots or red eyes;

    f.   be taken recently;

    g.   show the candidate alone with no other persons visible;

    h.   show the candidate facing the camera, and if the candidate wears any glasses or other optical aid, show the candidate with no reflection off the glasses;

    i.   clearly show both edges of the candidate's face and the top of the candidate's shoulder;

    j.   not show the candidate wearing any hat or other head covering, other than a hat or other head covering which the candidate habitually wears for religious reasons or due to custom; and if any such hat or other head covering is worn, the photograph must still be a full frontal view of the candidate's head and shoulders, showing the candidate's facial features in its entirety and showing clearly both edges of the candidate's face; and

    k.   not show the candidate wearing any attire, hat or other covering which bears any symbol which is of any racial or religious significance.

Candidates are advised to submit their photographs early after the Writ of Election is issued. The photograph may be submitted online via Candidate Services or in softcopy in a USB flash drive (not returnable). The filename of the photograph should be in this format: *<NRIC no. of candidate>* separated by a hyphen *<name of candidate>*, e.g. *S1234567A-Goh Kok Goi.jpg*. Where multiple photographs are submitted together, the photograph of each candidate must be saved as a separate file.