



Pledge Format of
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Vote for Hong Kong 2024 (V4HK) is a non-partisan campaign that aims to mobilise eligible Hongkonger voters to participate in the upcoming General Election in the United Kingdom. The centrepiece of the campaign is a policy pledge, which we will ask parliamentary candidates to sign. The pledge will involve various policy issues that concern Hongkongers in the United Kingdom.

A policy questionnaire will accompany the pledge. In this section, candidates are invited to detail their stance on other policy issues of concern to Hongkongers. The policy issues in the questionnaire are ones on which there is a greater diversity of opinions within the Hong Kong diaspora, but they are nonetheless important.

We will encourage Hongkonger voters to support candidates who have signed the pledge. In cases where more than one candidate has signed the pledge, candidates' responses to the policy questionnaire will help voters differentiate between candidates. The questionnaire will be particularly valuable in marginal constituencies with a substantial Hongkonger population, where fierce competition for Hongkonger voters is anticipated.

Pledge

Parliamentary candidates will be invited to pledge the following:

"I pledge to **support Hongkongers**

- **in their pursuit of freedom and democracy;**
- **in their settlement and integration in the UK**, including the **existing BN(O) visa programme** and **support for Hongkonger asylum seekers facing political repression, and;**
- **in the exercise of their civic rights and freedoms, free from repression, in Britain."**

The signing of this pledge will be viewed as an explicit commitment to vote in favour of continuing the BN(O) visa programme and against any attempts to revoke it. At minimum, the pledge also entails a commitment to continue existing support offered to asylum seekers from Hong Kong. More generally, we also expect pledge signatories to consider policies relevant to Hong Kong and China with regard to Hongkongers' continued pursuit of freedom and democracy.

Policy questionnaire

The policy questionnaire is an **open-ended section** inviting candidates to express their stance towards various policy issues relevant to Hong Kong and Hongkonger immigrants in the UK. Candidates are encouraged to consult Hongkonger constituents and their respective party headquarters when formulating their responses.

The questionnaire will provide an opportunity for candidates of different parties to differentiate themselves as Hongkonger voters decide whom or which party to vote for. We hope this will facilitate informed decisions among Hongkongers.

Candidates will be asked to outline their views on the following policy issues, which, in descending order, are the issues that Hongkongers in the UK most care about, according to a survey we conducted among Hongkongers in the UK from late-November 2023 to early January 2024:¹

1. Tackling transnational repression by the Chinese and Hong Kong governments
2. Sanctioning Chinese and Hong Kong government officials responsible for human rights abuses
3. Shutting down Confucius Institutes in the UK
4. Improving NHS services and reducing crimes in local communities
5. Assisting Hong Kong immigrants in retrieving their Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)
6. Assisting Hong Kong immigrants in finding jobs commensurate with their work experience

Enquiry and responses

Candidates' responses to both sections will be collated and presented to Hongkongers before the general election as they consider which candidate to vote for. Particularly for constituencies with a significant Hongkonger population, candidates' responses may help to determine the results of the election as Hongkongers are [first-time and floating voters](#) who deeply care about these issues.

Candidates are encouraged to respond by 1st of June but we will continue accepting responses until closer to the election date. We appreciate that not all candidates will be aware of the context of all of these issues and are therefore organising briefing sessions with candidates to inform them about these issues. We will send an invitation to candidates in May.

For any enquiries, please send an email to info@vote4hk.uk to schedule a virtual or in-person meeting.

¹ Although "Improving the quality of NHS services" and "Tackling crimes in local communities" are ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, in our survey, these two concerns are ones that candidates commonly encounter from their local constituents and expected to be addressed by campaigning materials from candidates. We have, therefore, listed the sixth- and seventh-most popular issues, which are both particular to Hongkongers in the UK, and combined the issues of healthcare and crime.

CANDIDATE'S RESPONSE

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I, _____, pledge to **support Hongkongers**

- **in their pursuit of freedom and democracy;**
- **in their settlement and integration in the UK, including the existing BN(O) visa programme and support for Hongkonger asylum seekers facing political repression, and;**
- **in the exercise of their civic rights and freedoms, free from repression, in Britain.**

Constituency: _____

Party: _____

Policy questionnaire

You are invited to share your views on the following policy issues, which, in descending order, are the issues that Hongkongers in the UK most care about:

1. Tackling transnational repression by the Chinese and Hong Kong governments

2. Sanctioning Chinese and Hong Kong government officials responsible for human rights abuses

3. Shutting down Confucius Institutes in the UK

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4. Assisting Hong Kong immigrants in retrieving their Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)

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5. Assisting Hong Kong immigrants in finding jobs commensurate with their work experience

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6. Improving NHS services and reducing crimes in local communities

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