<u>1 090 validly nominated candidates for</u> <u>District Council Ordinary Election</u>

The names of the 1 090 validly nominated candidates for the 2019 District Council Ordinary Election were gazetted today (October 31). The numbers for each candidate, which were determined by drawing lots, were also gazetted.

The 1 090 validly nominated candidates will compete for the 452 seats in the 18 districts.

"Polling will take place on November 24 (Sunday). Over 600 ordinary polling stations and 23 dedicated polling stations will be open on the polling day for over 4.13 million electors listed on the 2019 Final Register to cast their votes," a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office said.

The polling hours for the ordinary polling stations and the three dedicated polling stations set up at police stations will be from 7.30am to 10.30pm. For the 20 dedicated polling stations set up in penal institutions, for security reasons, the polling hours will be from 9am to 4pm.

The number of candidates, seats and registered electors in the 18 districts as follows:

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Central and Western	35	15	110 483
Wan Chai	29	13	74 839
Eastern	81	35	323 725
Southern	37	17	151 994

Hong Kong Island

Kowloon

	Candidates	Contested seats	Registered electors
Yau Tsim Mong	46	20	129 150
Sham Shui Po	61	25	204 046
Kowloon City	64	25	201 858
Wong Tai Sin	53	25	264 040
Kwun Tong	87	40	396 345

New Territories

	Candidates	Contested seats	Registered electors
Tsuen Wan	47	19	169 773
Tuen Mun	70	31	296 282
Yuen Long	107	39	349 322
North	47	18	186 496
Tai Po	42	19	187 494
Sai Kung	73	29	274 293
Sha Tin	107	41	419 853
Kwai Tsing	80	31	308 771
Islands	24	10	84 213

Total	1 090	452	4 132 977

In addition, the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (District Councils) (Amendment) Regulation 2019 has come into operation on October 18. The amendment regulation replaces the requirement of disclosing the "principal residential address" with "address" in the gazette notices in District Council Elections. Candidates may choose to disclose an address that they prefer, be it their office or business address, correspondence address, residential address or post office box number.

The gazette notices and information of the candidates are available on the election website (<u>www.elections.gov.hk</u>).