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Pro-democracy candidates disqualified from LegCo elections

WASHINGTON, DC (July 30, 2020) In response to the outrageous decision by Hong Kong government and election officials to disqualify at least 12 pro-democracy candidates from standing in the upcoming Legislative Council elections scheduled for September 6, 2020.

HKDC's Managing Director, Samuel, Chu, releases the following statement:

"The political purge continues in Hong Kong today. We stand with the 12 brave pro-democracy candidates who got disqualified and banned from LegCo elections. They are the true leaders for the real Hong Kong.

We are outraged but not surprised. In the face of the determination demonstrated in the "Democrats 35+" primaries earlier this month in which more than 600,000 Hong Kongers cast their votes despite long lines, intimidation and harassment, the Lam administration disqualified the pro-democracy candidates in an attempt to prevent them from winning the majority in the LegCo, following the pro-Democracy camp's landslide victory in the District Council Elections last November.

This is what dictators do - disqualify opposition and delay democratic elections, as Carrie Lam has hinted she might do, when they know they have lost the people.

The perpetrators of this gross obstruction of the democratic process must be held accountable by the US and free nations everywhere.

HKDC urges the US to implement the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 and the Hong Kong Autonomy Act we helped pass, to immediately sanction the Carrie Lam administration and every election official involved in the mass disqualification. No dictatorship should go unpunished."

Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC) is a Washington, DC-based nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Hong Kong's basic freedoms, the rule of law, and autonomy.

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