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Dear Ms Chan,

**Request for the Shapefiles of
the Provisional District Council Constituency Boundaries
for the 2019 District Council Ordinary Election**

I refer to your email of 27 November 2018 to the Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”) concerning the request for the shapefile format for the provisional District Council Constituency Area (“DCCA”) boundaries for the 2019 District Council (“DC”) Ordinary Election. The REO has referred your request to the Electoral Affairs Commission (“EAC”) for follow-up action. We would like to set out our reply in the ensuing paragraphs.

Under section 4(a) of the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Chapter 541) (“EACO”), one of the functions of the EAC is to consider or review the boundaries of DC constituencies for the purpose of making recommendations on the boundaries and names of constituencies for a DC ordinary election. The EAC is required under section 18 of the EACO to submit a report to the Chief Executive (“CE”) of its recommendations on the boundaries and names of DCCAs at an interval of not more than 36 months from the preceding DC ordinary election. As the last DC ordinary election was held on 22 November 2015, the EAC has to submit the report on the boundaries and names of the DCCAs for the 2019 DC Ordinary Election to the CE by 21 November 2018.

The EACO also stipulates that the EAC is responsible for drawing up the provisional recommendations and then to consult the public. As such, the EAC conducted a public consultation exercise on its provisional recommendations on the boundaries and names of DCCAs for the 2019 DC Ordinary Election from 23 July 2018 to 21 August 2018. To avoid any misunderstanding, the provisional recommendations were removed from the EAC's website upon the end of the public consultation period and no shapefiles for the provisional DCCA boundaries have been prepared by the EAC.

In line with the statutory requirement, the EAC has submitted its report to the CE on its recommendations on the DCCA boundaries and names for the 2019 DC Ordinary Election on 20 November 2018 and the CE has approved the EAC's recommendations and tabled the report at the Legislative Council for completion of the established legislative procedures. The shapefiles for the DCCA boundaries in respect of the 2019 DC Ordinary Election will be made available upon completion of the established legislative proceedings.

Please be informed that the EAC possesses the shapefiles for the DCCA boundaries in respect of the 2015 DC Ordinary Election. Should you like to have the shapefiles for the 2015 DC Ordinary Election, please let me know.

Thank you for your interest in the electoral matters.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary
Electoral Affairs Commission