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**Legislative Council Policy
on the Use of the
State House for Political Purposes**

It is the intent of the Legislative Council that the State House and its surrounding grounds reflect a neutral institution of Democracy that is a place for political discussion and an environment within and around the State House that does not reflect any favoritism or bias toward a particular cause or political point of view.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Legislative Council that no political signs or signs advocating for any cause be attached to the State House or any surrounding structures or posted on State House grounds, without the express consent of the Legislative Council. Persons may carry signs as part of a demonstration or rally, but nothing may be attached to the State House or surrounding trees or structures, such as fences or light posts. The prohibition on posting of signs includes the projecting of images on the State House or any surrounding structures.

This policy includes proposals to change the lighting of the State House Dome to commemorate or recognize an event or worthy cause. The State House Dome lights are not currently equipped to accommodate colors or filters, but any proposal including those as simple as turning off some of the lights for a particular reason are not consistent with maintaining the neutrality of the State House and therefore must be denied.

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By: 
Executive Director of the Legislative Council

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