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Candidates' platforms unclear: voter

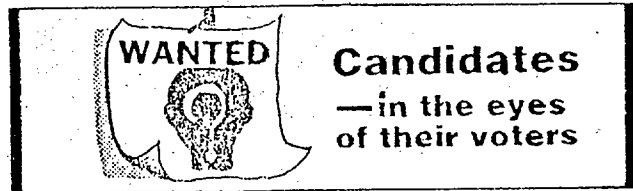
improvements be made to attract more local response?

Views gathered are not representative because the consultation has not covered overseas Hongkong people. Most of those who have left Hongkong belong to the middle management. We cannot afford to miss their views. The consultative committee should consider more the issues of concern to them. Regarding the local masses, I don't have any information to form a view on whether consultation is adequate.

■ Mr Tai Chin-wah has declined to answer similar questions either in writing or over the phone. Repeated calls by *The Standard* to Mr Tai's office were not returned.

Voter A: Both to a large extent fail to meet my criteria of a good Legco candidate. But to demonstrate to the public that a voter should exercise his right, I will choose the one who is better than the other. My first consideration is the candidates' view on democracy and support for universal suffrage as a mode of producing the post-1997 legislature.

Voter B: Both candidates do not have clear attitudes regarding Hongkong's future political development. They have not approached voters with their platforms or talked about their working plans. They appear not to care about voters' feelings or opinions at all. They make me feel that



whether I cast my vote or not is unimportant.

Voter C: The two candidates have comparable abilities. Mr Tai Chin-wah is a professional in the legal sector and is more familiar with the operation of the Legislative Council. Mr Man For-tai is a veteran rural leader.

Voter D: I have only learned about their platforms from a

Chinese newspaper. Both have not approached me. An ideal candidate should give top priority to the interests of the entire territory. He should also be concerned with affairs within the constituency. I think both candidates have similar abilities. Mr Tai Chin-wah is more experienced with the work of the Legco but Mr Man For-tai seems to have his sights set on the future.