

People's Republic of China Officials - Foreign Interference Activities in Greater Vancouver in the 2019 General Election

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SUMMARY

1. In the course of the 43rd General Election of Canada in 2019 (GE43), some People's Republic of China (PRC) officials likely favoured particular political candidates and political parties, and clandestinely leveraged Canadian and Canada-based intermediaries (PRC proxy agents¹) to support the PRC's preferred candidates in Greater Vancouver.
2. Intelligence reporting indicates PRC political preferences were party agnostic and opportunistic; they vacillated based on the electoral platforms and the ongoing PRC-related positions of the different political parties during the political campaign.
3. Intelligence reports indicate that these officials coordinated the exclusion of particular political candidates, perceived as 'anti-China', from attending local community events related to the election. This was accomplished via PRC proxy agents, hiding the direct involvement of these PRC officials.

¹ Proxy agent: For the purpose of this summary, a proxy agent is a specific individual who takes explicit and/or implicit direction from a foreign state while obfuscating the link between influence activities and a foreign state. Proxy agents are witting participants in furthering the objective of the foreign state in specific circumstances. A proxy is a Canada-based individual (Canadian citizen, Canadian Permanent Resident, etc.) who may/may not belong to a specific diaspora community.