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媒體報導郭英華以免費午餐為溫哥華東區自由黨候選人拉支持，關慧貞的選舉經理姚永安認為這是有違民主選舉的廉正(integrity)。

姚永安指出自 1993 年以來，關慧貞一直努力把社區的聲音，當中包括華人的聲音帶到政府，成績有目共睹，亦獲得選民的肯定。

就唐人街所面對的困難，關慧貞是唯一一位國會議員不斷在國會提出，要求聯邦政府給予華埠像 Granville Island 一樣的特別疫情撥款，以及跟進華埠世界文化遺產的申請。在疫情期間她協助華埠商業申請聯邦商業支援貸款，及成功為小商業爭取由租戶申請租金補貼等等。就亞裔所面對的種族歧視，關慧貞和新民主黨早前成功在國會通過議案在全國的反種族歧視策略中加入專門的反亞裔種族歧視策略，以及在全國所有警隊設立調查種族歧視的專責部門和由社區組織協助舉報種族歧視。

姚永安說他不知道郭先生所說的中國人議題是什麼，若果他所說的是有關關慧貞對中國侵犯人權和鎮壓自由的立場。她說關慧貞始終如一，無論是倡議紀念南京大屠殺，雅茲迪人(Yazidi)或維吾爾族人的種族滅絕，又或加拿大政府對原住民所犯的種族滅絕，她都公開作出譴責。身為民意代表，關慧貞對香港及中國所提出的批評，出於加拿大人的價值及聯合國的人權憲章，也反映加拿大人的民意。

Gabriel Yiu, campaign manager for Jenny Kwan, believes that Fred Kwok's recent hosting of a free lunch at the Floata Restaurant promoting the Liberal candidate for Vancouver East as, reported by media recently, undermines the integrity of the election process.

Yiu notes that that since 1993, Jenny Kwan has been amplifying the voices from the community, including bringing voices from the Chinese-Canadian community to the government. She has a proven track record of effective advocacy, and her support from the community is reflected by successive election results.

Jenny Kwan is a long time advocate for Vancouver's Chinatown and is the only Member of Parliament who has persistently raised the issues and challenges faced by Vancouver's Chinatown in parliament. She called on the government to provide Vancouver Chinatown with an emergency pandemic relief fund like what was provided to Granville Island, and she has been a long-time vocal supporter with Vancouver Chinatown's application for UNESCO designation. During the pandemic she advocated for and assisted businesses in Chinatown with their federal Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) applications. The NDP also successfully fought for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for the small business community and for the small business to apply directly for the subsidy. Regarding escalating anti-Asian racism, Jenny Kwan and the NDP moved a motion to include an anti-Asian racism strategy in Canada's anti-racism strategy and it passed unanimously. She further advocated for specialized hate crime investigation units to be established for all police forces, and for support to NGOs who have the trust, language and cultural understanding of the community to assist in the reporting of racism discrimination and hate crimes.

Yiu says he is unsure what Kwok meant when Kwok referenced "issues of the Chinese nationals." If Kwok is referring to Kwan's stance on China's human right abuses and suppression of freedom, Yiu states that Kwan's position on human rights issues have been steadfast since day one. She openly condemns human rights abuses in Canada and globally, including the Nanjing Massacre, the genocide against Yazidi people, the genocide against Ugyghur Muslims, and the Canadian government's colonial violence and genocide against Indigenous peoples. As a representative of her constituents, Kwan's criticism of China's actions in Hong Kong is reflective of the views of Canadians and consistent with the values stated in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Canadian values.