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ISTR Elections for Board of Directors

The election is now open for the Board of Directors for the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR). All members are encouraged to vote to select the new board. Biographical information is available for all candidates. Please vote for President-Elect and up to seven (7) at-large members of the board.

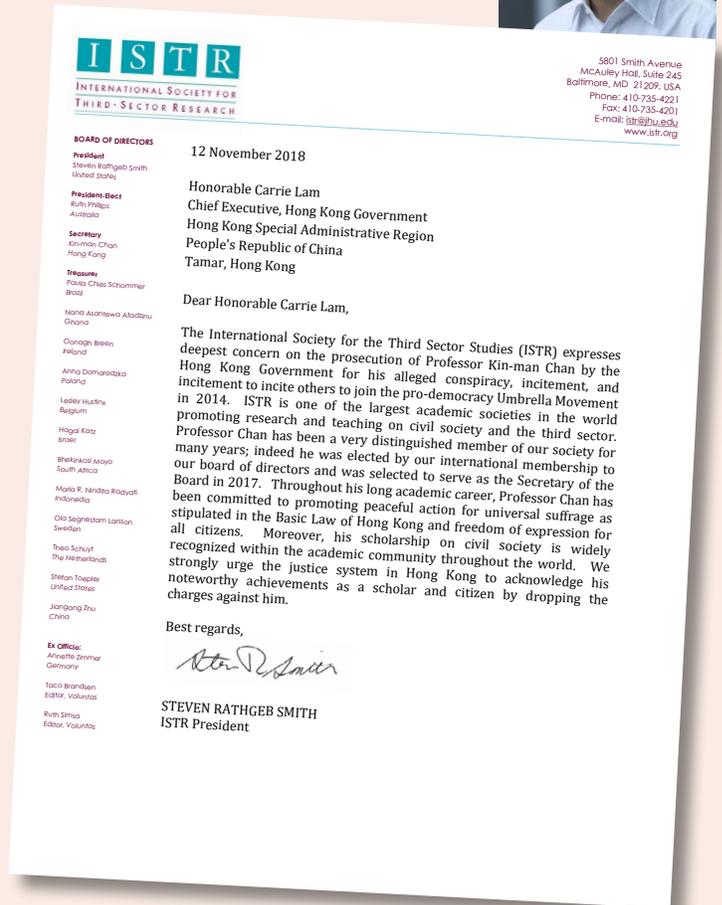
Voting will close on November 26, 2018. Please vote today at: <https://www.istr.org/page/Elections2018>



ISTR has issued the following statement to the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Government on behalf of our board member, Professor Kin-man Chan

Dear Ms. Carrie Lam,

The International Society for the Third Sector Studies (ISTR) expresses deepest concern on the prosecution of Professor Kin-man Chan by the Hong Kong Government for his alleged conspiracy, incitement, and incitement to incite others to join the pro-democracy Umbrella Movement in 2014. ISTR is one of the largest academic societies in the world promoting research and teaching on civil society and the third sector. Professor Chan has been a very distinguished member of our society for many years; indeed he was elected by our international membership to our board of directors and was selected to serve as the Secretary of the Board in 2017. Throughout his long academic career, Professor Chan has been committed to promoting peaceful action for universal suffrage as stipulated in the Basic Law of Hong Kong and freedom of expression for all citizens. Moreover, his scholarship on civil society is widely recognized within the academic community throughout the world. We strongly urge the justice system in Hong Kong to acknowledge his noteworthy achievements as a scholar and citizen by dropping the charges against him.



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12 November 2018

Honorable Carrie Lam
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Best regards,

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