

Bankim Mehta

**Returning Officer
All India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council**

Advisory for GJC COA Elections 2024

Dear Members and Stakeholders,

As you are aware, the All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council ("GJC") COA elections 2024 has commenced from December 13, 2024, and will continue till December 16, 2024.

In pursuance to certain correspondence and unverified feedback received by us, the Returning Officer, along with the Election Committee (both while representing GJC), find it essential to provide the following clarifications and issue the following advisory to all its members and stakeholders.

1. It is hereby informed that the elections are being conducted in a compliant and controlled environment, in accordance with the election rules 2024, Articles of Association of GJC and applicable law. To ensure a completely fair and transparent process, the e-voting is being managed through reputed organisation such as NSDL.

2. In relation to this election process, it is confirmed that at no point of time would GJC authorise anyone to call or visit members to campaign on behalf of any specific candidates contesting elections. If any such calls/ approaches are being received, please note that GJC has never authorised or allowed the same.

3. GJC also confirms that they would not be authorising anyone to physically assist any members to cast their votes. Please don't entertain anyone who may come physically or reach out over any other means to suggest about GJC elections 2024. Keeping up with the transparent process, I would urge any member

a. facing any issues or

b. being approached by people calling themselves GJC representatives or

c. in case anyone witnesses any suspicious behaviour in relations to GJC elections 2024, To report such incidences to the Returning Officer. This will enable him to take appropriate action.

4. We would request members and stakeholders to refrain and steer away from spreading rumours and influencing others. Please note that each member has a right to cast their own vote and take their own decision. We would urge the members to take such un-influenced decisions.

5. Additionally, in relation to the voting process we advise members and stakeholders to refrain from proxy voting and not share their respective OTPs with anyone other than their respective member's authorised personnel.

6. As the Returning Officer conducting these elections, I confirm that all necessary efforts are being put for running a clean election. We therefore appeal to all members and stakeholders to maintain the sanctity of this democratic process.

Thank you and all the best.

On behalf of Bankim Mehta, Returning Officer appointed for GJC COA Elections 2024.