



Come Forward, Decide and Vote

Dear Professional Colleagues,

As you are aware, forthcoming elections to the Central and Regional Councils of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India are scheduled to be held on 7th and 8th December, 2012, in cities having more than 2500 members, i.e. Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi/New Delhi, Gurgaon, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune, and, at all other places on 8th December, 2012, where polling booths have been set up. It is a great opportunity for us to elect the representatives who will serve the Institute and work for the development of accountancy profession for their term of three years.

Friends, right to vote is sacred and an onerous responsibility that you owe to your parental Institute. Hence, exercising your franchise must be a priority for you and you must cast your vote positively. Your vote is your voice. It's your opportunity to be heard, to hold elected representatives accountable for their decisions and to have a say in important issues that affect our profession.

Voting is linked to *personal efficacy* – a sense of agency or power. Its gives us a sense of satisfaction that we have voiced our opinion. By casting our vote for a candidate who in our opinion can represent us in the Central Council and in the Regional Council, we are sowing the seeds not only for growth and betterment of the Institute but also for overall development of the profession in India. Larger voter-turnout will help us to elect right set of representatives who will further contribute to our profession with a new mindset. It will be an empowerment for we members to act on the opportunity and become a dynamic member of profession.

Friends, your vote is invaluable, therefore, before casting your vote, be sure that the representative who you are voting for has the ability to represent. It has been observed that many malicious mails have been in circulation giving misleading and biased information for personal gains and mileage. Therefore, it is my sincere appeal to the professional fraternity, not to get swayed by such e-mails/SMSs/phone calls. You must

check the credentials of the candidates and make an informed decision.

We have a very unique system of preferential voting in our elections. It is, therefore, important that you should not select only one candidate of your choice but should select as many candidates as possible marking your preference. I am sure, you will use your professional wisdom without any inducement to vote or not to vote for a particular candidate on the grounds of religion, caste or community.

Your vote is precious, which counts and matters. Do take out your time, make a note in your programme diary that on 7th and 8th December, 2012 that you have to perform an onerous task for the cause of profession, and be a part in deciding and choosing your policy leadership. In my capacity, as the Chief Executive Authority of the Council, I once again appeal to all of you to please come out in large numbers and vote for the elections to the Central and Regional Councils to be held on 7th and 8th December, 2012 wherein polling booths shall remain open from 8.00 A.M. to 8.00 P.M.

The ballot papers to those members who are entitled to vote by post will be sent by Speed Post at their addresses on record of the Institute as on 1-4-2012. I also appeal to such voters, to please take out some time for recording your votes and ensure that after recording your votes, the ballot papers are returned to the returning officer in accordance with the manner explained in the letter forwarding the ballot papers to you.

Thomas Jefferson, first Secretary of State and third President of the United States of America has very rightly said: *Should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights.* I am confident that all of you will exercise your right as you have done in the past for the betterment of profession.

Regards

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