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The Negative Vote Association (NVA) has just completed its 3rd survey on the impact of allowing *Negative Vote* will have on the upcoming 2016 presidential and National legislators' election. The 1st survey was done in August 2015 with 3 known presidential candidates: Ms HUNG (KMT), Ms Tsai (DPP) and Mr SHIH (Independent). The 2nd survey was in December 2015 with different leading candidates: Eric CHIU (KMT), TSAI Ing-Wen (DPP) and James SOONG (PFP). All 3 surveys were carried out by the Gallup Poll.

For the 3rd survey, completed in 2016.01.02, NVA has selected a fiercely contested legislative district of HsinChiu municipality where the colourful long term DPP Party Whip in the National Legislature, Mr KO, is facing the threats in addition from KMT but also a candidate from a new and small party close to DPP. The result are quite surprising, Mr KO will no longer comfortably remain with a near tie at the top, but will drop dramatically to No.3 if *Negative Vote* system is applied.

One of our goal of advocating *Negative Vote* is the belief that this will encourage citizens to vote. The outcome of these 3 surveys clearly shows about 25% of voters surveyed indicated that a system of *Negative Vote* will increase his/hers willingness to vote.

We are encouraged that even though *Negative Vote* is a totally new concept and most people have not heard our explanation of its merits, the survey results showed 41.6% of the interviewed are in favour of amending the election law to allow *Negative Vote* in the ballot. Of particular importance is 59.1% in the age bracket of 20~29 are keen to see the change.

With *Negative Vote* each voter is still only allowed one vote, either *yea* or *nay*. We believe with a *Negative Vote* system, citizens' true view can be shown.

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