



October 24, 2022

Sat Nam to the Global Sikh Dharma and 3HO Community,

One of the responsibilities of the Siri Singh Sahib Corporation Board of Trustees is to ensure that its election processes comply with local laws in all countries where SSSC election activities are held.

Understanding that the People's Republic of China has very strict laws with regard to its citizens participating in religious activities, and in an effort to fully understand the applicable Chinese laws and regulations with regard to the current SSSC Trustees Election, the Board's first step was to consult with more than 20 individuals in our community who have worked and/or lived in China and have first-hand experience with these issues. That effort confirmed the complexity of these issues, including the need to better understand the applicable Chinese laws and regulations that apply to the current SSSC Trustees Election.

To fully understand the Chinese laws governing the election, the SSSC's second step was to retain attorneys based in China. These attorneys have many decades of experience specifically studying how Chinese law applies to the participation of Chinese citizens with various religious organizations both in China and internationally. They have worked with the Chinese authorities and special interest groups of Chinese citizens in many different venues to ensure that those citizens comply with Chinese laws while engaging in religious activity or activities in any way tied to foreign religious organizations.

We are very grateful to the students in China for the inspiring ways they are contributing to the global culture of 3HO. They have a robust network of Kundalini Yoga Teacher Trainers. They have brought many students to the Summer Solstice Sadhana at Ram Das

Puri in New Mexico over the years. The Chinese Kundalini Yoga community is an integral, necessary, and critically important part of 3HO and the broader community.

Unfortunately, the unequivocal and unambiguous advice of the SSSC's legal advisors is that the current election process and timeline do not permit the SSSC Board to fully comply with the Chinese legal requirements that would allow Chinese voters to safely participate in the Board election. Failure to comply could have serious negative consequences for the Chinese Kundalini Yoga Community.

We want to be clear that this is, in no way, a shortcoming of the Kundalini Yoga students, teachers or teacher trainers in the People's Republic of China. We will continue to enjoy the growth of the community in China over the years.

After considerable deliberation, on October 12, 2022, the SSSC Trustees reluctantly decided based on the input received, including from the experts in Chinese law, that it is not prudent or lawful to permit individuals located in the People's Republic of China to vote in the 2022 SSSC Board election. At the same time, the SSSC Board committed to making best efforts to allow them to vote in future elections.

We understand and acknowledge that like the Board many members of the global community will be disappointed by this logistical and legal complication. We ask for your understanding and patience as we continue to work through a variety of complex issues related to the 2022 election.

The SSSC Board of Trustees