

**Liow to contest MCA presidency, rejects Chua's quit call**  
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MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai (pic) has said he is not quitting the race for the party presidency but said he had no objection if the current president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek wanted to resign.

"If he now decides to resign the presidency, that is certainly his right. However, it is not his right to insist that it is contingent to my resigning. Please decide on your own accord," Liow said in a terse statement tonight.

Liow said it is within his right to vie for the top post, especially since Chua had announced on May 6 he would not seek re-election.

Earlier today, Chua offered to step down on the condition his estranged deputy does the same to allow new faces to rejuvenate the party.

At a press conference this afternoon at MCA headquarters, Chua had labelled Liow "weak", "indecisive" and not fit to lead the party.

"I'm willing to go but Liow has to go as well. He is not the right person to lead MCA in this challenging environment.

"He is weak and indecisive," Chua had declared.

To this, Liow countered by saying he will leave it to members to decide.

"My record of service to the party is the best testimony I can offer. The central delegates, representing a cross section of the MCA will determine my role. I leave it entirely to their wisdom," he said.

In a swipe at Chua, Liow said MCA belonged to its members and the party's leaders serve the members, and not at the president's behest.

"The party members decide who should serve them," he said.

Both Chua and Liow have been embroiled in a war of words after Liow had called his boss a "spin doctor", "tainted politician" and "dictator".

Liow is facing a move to censure him at next Sunday's Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) where he claimed Chua would be out to get him.

The EGM also seeks to overturn the party's previous stand of not taking up any government posts since it fared badly in the 13th general election.

At the May 5 national polls, the Chinese senior party in the ruling Barisan Nasional pact only managed to win seven out of 37 federal seats and 11 out of 90 state seats it contested. - October 11, 2013.

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