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**Evaluating Electoral Experience in the
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Organizations as a Model**
An applied Study in the City of Riyadh

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Thesis Abstract

The study focuses on the evaluation of electoral experience in the institutions of civil society through charitable institutions operating in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The study, in all its axes, focuses in the evaluation of the electoral experience of charitable institutions as a representative for the institutions of civil society in Saudi Arabia, which seeks to keep pace with developments and changes undergone by the Saudi society. To realize the objectives of the study and to answer its questions, the researcher has used the social survey method through sampling. The study population consists of male and female charitable institutions working in the city of Riyadh, whose number is (16) charitable institutions. The study sample consists of the general assembly members who are registered in the lists of charitable institutions. The study aimed to:

- 1- Identify the social and economic characteristics of the elected members for the board of directors to charitable institution;
- 2- Identify the relationship between certain social variables to the members of the board of directors and its impact on the effectiveness of charitable institutions in achieving their goals;
- 3- Identify the forms of election that are currently used in charitable institutions;
- 4- Identify the level of satisfaction of the members of the general assemblies of the charitable institutions of their elected board of directors;
- 5- Identify the trends of the members of the general assemblies of Charitable institution towards the concept of election;
- 6- Identify the alternatives proposed for the development of the electoral process in charitable institutions;
- 7- Identify the extent of success of the electoral experience in the Saudi society through the charitable institutions.

Amongst the main findings of the study, are:

- 1- The vast majority of respondents believe that the forms of election used to elect members of the Board of directors in charitable institution are to some extent well-organized; this emphasizes the importance of organizing the election forms currently used to elect members of the board of directors;
- 2- The vast majority of respondents believe that the level of satisfaction of the members of the general assemblies towards the elected members of the board of directors is an average satisfaction; this emphasizes the importance of the participation of

all members of the assembly in the election process conducted in the institution;

- 3- The majority of respondents, members of the population of the study, believe that the views on the extent of the conformity of scientific specialization of the membership of the Board of directors with its objectives, and that the conformity of the scientific specialization with the board of directors membership, its non-compliant;
- 4- It is revealed that the relationship between the level of satisfaction with the elected members and between the years of work for the association is an inverse negative relationship; and between scientific specialization and satisfaction as a strong positive relationship.