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## END OF PERIOD FOR RESOLVING CANDIDATE CHALLENGES

On 4th of September, in conformity with the Electoral Calendar, the SEC concludes the term allowed for challenges to candidates presented in the Provisional List of the same, published in the Official Daily, The Gazette on September 1st last.

Once concluded said period of challenges, in accordance with activity N° 9 of the Electoral Calendar, the SEC proceeds to the Resolution of Challenges to the earlier published Provisional List of Candidates, as laid down in Electoral Law N° 331, under Article 70: So “that political organizations participant in the electoral process may challenge said candidatures within three days”.

This State body commends the work done by the political parties and alliances of political parties in complying with the established requirements.

In so doing, in accordance with the Resolution published by the SEC on 11th August last, this State body makes public the Definitive List of Candidates for the posts of President and Vice President of the Republic, Deputies to the National Assembly (National and Departmental) and Deputies to the Central American Parliament.

## CLOSURE OF DEFINITIVE ELECTORAL ROLL

On 8th September, the SEC proceeded to the closure of the Electoral Roll as decreed by Article 43 of Electoral Law 331, which establishes that “The Electoral Roll is to be closed sixty days before the Election “

During the Ongoing Citizen Verification undertaken in ID Registration offices countrywide, and on the online Change of Domicile and Verification platform, 1,263,537 consultations, 214,429 Changes of domicile or of Polling Station and 160,989 reinstatements to the Electoral Roll were dealt with.

With the closure of the Electoral Roll, the Definitive Electoral Roll and Platform are formed, as expressed by Article 44 of Electoral Law 331: viz. “Those able to

vote at a Polling Station Board will only be those registered in their respective Definitive Electoral Roll (...) with the exceptions established in the present Law”.



# CONFORMATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The Nicaraguan Electoral Roll consists of those citizens that have exercised their right to vote, at least once, during the period between the two previous general elections or during any other electoral process occurring during the same period. In the case of new ID registrations, all those received up to the 8th of September have been automatically incorporated.

**Electoral law 331 specifies that,  
for the Electoral Process, voters will use:**

**- ID card issued in accordance with Citizens Identification Law N° 152.**

It should be emphasized that any Nicaraguan citizen possessing an ID card, who does not appear in the Electoral Roll of his or her constituency, but does figure in the List of ID Registered Citizens not included in the Electoral Roll of the corresponding Polling Station Board, will be able to request, personally and directly, their reinstatement in the Roll. The SEC will deal with such requests within the deadlines established by the Electoral Law.

**- Supplementary voting document provided specifically for the 2021 General Election.**

Such supplementary voting documents will be provided to those who have requested but not yet received their ID card for not having legalized their situation in the Record of Civil Status. Similarly, for those who have celebrated sixteen years of age by the date of the election but have not had time to get their ID printed, with the proviso that they fulfill the necessary requirements to exercise their right to vote in accordance with the Electoral Law.

Citizens with the right to suffrage, on obtaining their ID Card or supplementary voting document, will be automatically registered at their corresponding polling station.

- The Electoral Roll drawn up by the SEC for each polling station, with their respective Polling Station Boards.

As required by and in compliance with Article 39 of Electoral Law 331, on 8th of August last, this State body published and posted preliminary Electoral Rolls at each of the country's polling stations, with digital copies provided to the political parties and alliances of political parties.



Similarly, IT applications and services were made available to citizens, enabling them to use new information technology to make enquiries, verify their enrollment and change domicile on-line.

This coming 23rd of September, this State body will furnish the participant political organizations with the Definitive Electoral Roll to be used in the General Election of 7th November this year.



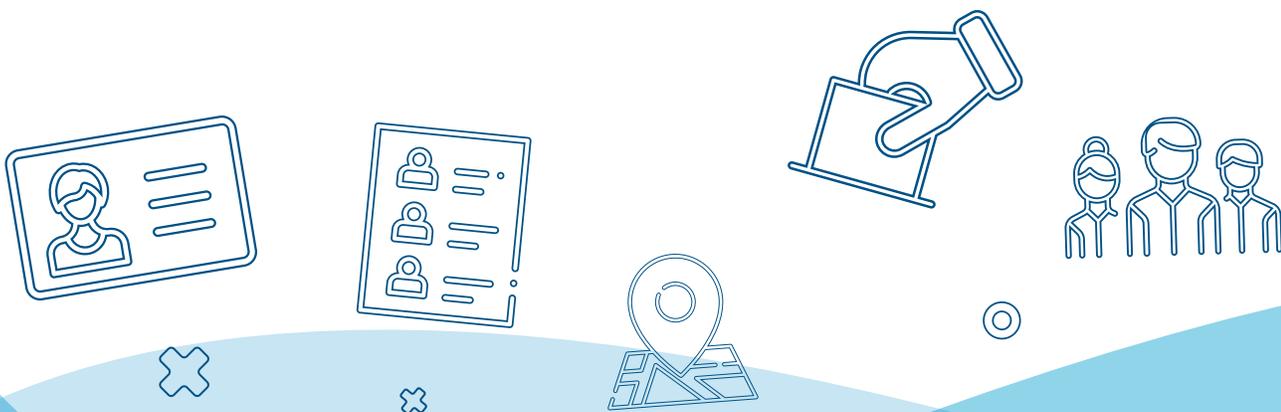
## DEFINITIVE ELECTORAL ROLL

The definitive Electoral Roll will consist of new applicants, changes of domicile and enrollments up to and including the 8th of September, the date on which the Roll closes.

The SEC will be required to surrender this Definitive Electoral Roll on September the 23rd next, 45 days prior to the date of the election, in order to make the final delivery of the Electoral Roll to the participant political organizations, as established in Article 43 of Electoral law 331.

In the Electoral Roll, the domicile and circumstances of the citizen will be protected, in accordance with the provisions laid out in Article 36 of Electoral Law 331, which establishes that the Electoral Roll must include:

- Number of ID card or supplementary voting document.
- First and family name of the person to whom issued.
- Sex.
- Address of domicile, including department and municipality.
- Photograph of the voter in the case of the voting table roll.



**For the Electoral Process, to exercise their right to suffrage, citizens will be required to:**

- Be in full possession of their rights.
- Present a valid ID card or supplementary voting document.
- Be inscribed in the Electoral Roll.
- Follow the procedures established by Electoral law and the regulations laid down by the SEC.

Once issued with an ID card or supplementary voting document, citizens with right of suffrage will be permanently registered at their proscribed polling station, as laid down in articles 37 and 38 of Electoral Law 331.

The final date for changes of domicile and admission to the Electoral Roll will be the 8th of September, in compliance with the Electoral Calendar, Activity N° 29, based in Article 43 of Electoral Law 331.

The schedule provided by Electoral law allows the SEC to make a final balance so as to organize and prepare the logistics needed for election day, Viz; printing of rolls to ensure their availability in each of the country's polling stations; deliver the rolls to all political groupings participating in the electoral process on 23rd of September; distribute voters among the Polling Station boards (PSB); once

determined the total number of PSB, the SEC will be able to accredit the electoral prosecutors for each the participant political parties, as well as ordering the printing and supply of the required materials.

## SEC PUBLISHES FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES

On 10th of September, the SEC is to publish in the Official Daily, The Gazette, the final list of Candidates for President and Vice President of the Republic, Deputies to the National Assembly and Deputies to the Central American Parliament.

With the final publication of the list of candidates, this State body complies with Activity N° 11 of the Electoral Calendar, and with that established in Article 70, paragraph 4, of Electoral Law 331, Viz: “Once elapsed the set deadline, absent any appeal or having been resolved any such, the SEC will proceed to publish the Definitive List of Candidates in the Official Daily, The Gazette”.

The SEC ensures compliance with the principal of gender Equality and Rotation in the Final List of candidates. Similarly, this body recognizes the effort made by the Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties in complying with their established obligations.

# DEFINITIVE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Constitutional Liberal Party (PLC).

PLC

- **President:** Walter Edén Espinoza Fernández
- **Vice President:** Mayra Consuelo Argüello Sandoval

Sandinista National Liberation Front Alliance (FSLN).

FSLN

- **President:** José Daniel Ortega Saavedra
- **Vice President:** Rosario María Murillo Zambrana

Nicaragua Christian Path Party (CCN).



- **President:** Guillermo Antonio Osorno Molina
- **Vice President:** Violeta Jannette Martínez Zapata

Yapti Tasba Masraka Nanih Asla Takanka Party (YATAMA).



- Partido de la Costa Caribe, presenta candidaturas a Diputadas y Diputados Regionales (RACCN / RACCS)

## Nicaraguan Liberal Alliance Party (ALN).



- **President:** Marcelo de Jesús Montiel Fernández
- **Vice President:** Jennyfer del Carmen Espinoza Blen

## Alliance for The Republic Party (APRE).



- **President:** Gerson Gutiérrez Gasparín
- **Vice President:** Claudia María Romero Cuadra

## Independent Liberal Party (PLI).



- **President:** Mauricio Orue Vásquez
- **Vice President::** Zobeyda del Socorro Rodríguez Díaz



## END OF PERIOD FOR OBJECTIONS TO BOUNDARIES AND POLLING STATION LOCATIONS

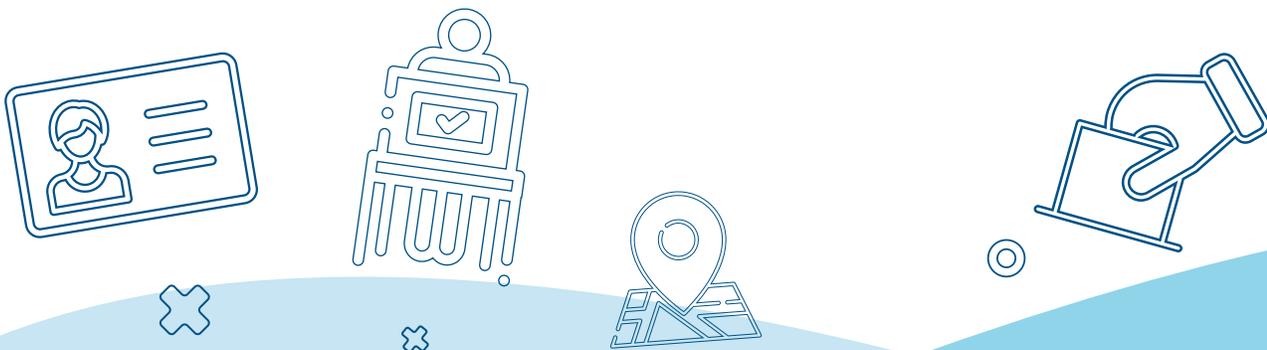
On following up the activity N° 31 of the Electoral Calendar, the SEC confirmed that no objections or challenges were received from the Political Parties or Alliances of Political Parties, as to the constituency boundaries and locations of polling stations authorized for the General Election of 7th of November next.

Last July, this State body conveyed to the Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties, the constituency boundaries and locations of polling stations at which the PSB will function, and where all Nicaraguans will exercise their right to vote.

“The location of polling stations will be carried out in strict accordance with technical criteria, taking account of the need to group the PSB in places which present the physical conditions and functional security needed to facilitate the logistical and administrative management on the part of the SEC”, (Article 23, Paragraph one of the Electoral Law).

This same Paragraph 23 of Electoral law 331 establishes that; “The Boundaries and Locations of the Polling Stations cannot be changed within the established deadline of sixty days preceding the date of the election, save for reasons of force majeure. This deadline takes effect precisely on 8th of September, as in the case of new entries to the Electoral Roll.

On 23rd of September next, the Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties will be furnished with the Definitive Electoral Platform, together with the Definitive Electoral Roll, these being indispensable for the purpose of naming the electoral prosecutors and PSB shortlists in preparation for the General Election of 7th of November 2021.





## SEC ADVANCES PERMANENT CITIZEN ID REGISTRATION

Although the 8th of September was the last day for Change of Domicile in the Electoral Roll, citizens ID Registration will continue without pause in the country's ID Registration offices, thus allowing citizens to realize such normal procedures as "First ID card application", "Renewal of ID card" and "Replacement of ID card".

Notwithstanding, it must be pointed out that new issues of ID and Changes of Domicile, realized through ID registration will not form part of the Definitive Electoral Roll printed for the elections of 7th of November next, this having been closed on 8th of September 2021.

From 4th of January to 3rd of September, this State body has successfully completed a process of ID registration, including new applicants, renewals and replacements of ID documents,

## Total procedures between 4th of January and 9th of September 2021

**674,940**

Equally, during the past week of 3rd to the 9th of September, the Nicaraguan State, through the offices of the SEC, has carried out an ample process of ID Registration, dealing during this period with 32,008 procedures, which break down as follows:

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|---|---|---------------|----------------|
|  | → | <b>16,021</b> | New Applicants |
|  | → | <b>10,203</b> | Renewals       |
|  | → | <b>5,784</b>  | Replacements   |

**Total Procedures: 32,008**



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