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# NEWSLETTER



FREE ELECTIONS  
NICARAGUA

## NEWSLETTER FROM

**21st to 25th  
of June**

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2. Continuous Democratic and Participatory Voter Verification ongoing



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# CONFORM AND SWEAR IN MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL COUNCILS (MEC)



In accordance with activity N° 16 of the Electoral Calendar, the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) gives notice that in the 22nd of June, a total of 918 persons were appointed to the Municipal Electoral Councils (MEC) in the 153 municipalities of the country. Of the posts selected, 459 women and 459 men were appointed as:

**153 Presidents**

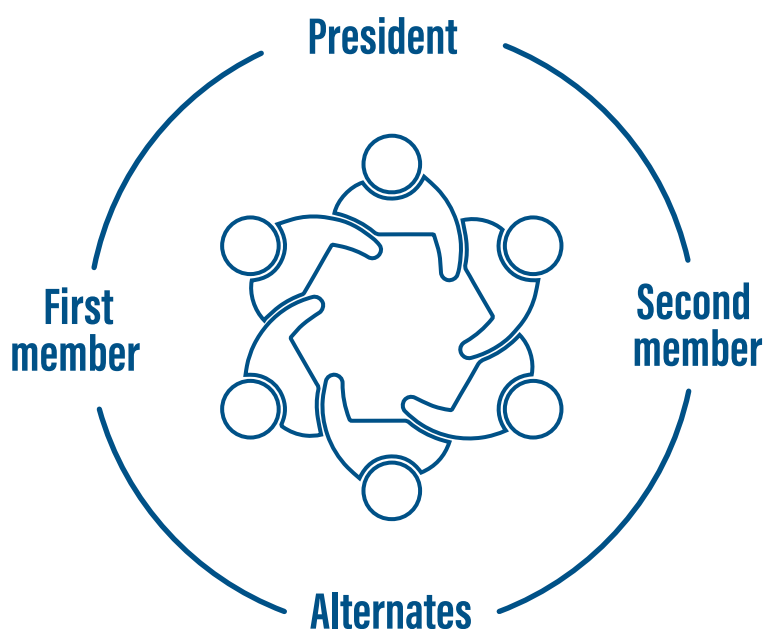
**153 First appointees**

**153 Second appointees**

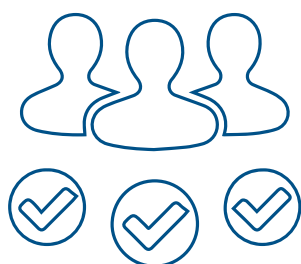


All these appointees have been named together with a similar number of alternates.

For president and first appointees of the Municipal Electoral Council (MEC) and their respective alternates these were assigned in accordance with the Electoral Law: that is between the parties which obtain first and second place in the last general elections, celebrated in 2016. That is to say, between the FSLN and the Constitutional Liberal Party (PLC).



Additionally, 306 persons were named as second appointees, between incumbents and alternates, distributed among the remaining participant political parties and alliances of parties.



# 306



Nicaraguan Christian Path Party (CCN)



**61 members**



Nicaraguan Liberal Alliance Party (ALN)



**51 members**



Alliance for the Republic Party (APRE)



**61 members**



Independent Liberal Party (PLI)



**62 members**



Citizens for Freedom Alliance (CxL)



**63 members**

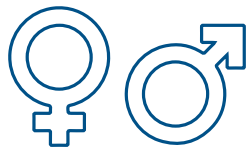


Yapti Tasba Masraka Nanih Asla Takanka Party (YATAMA), which, as a Regional political party and participant only in the organization of the Municipal Electoral Council of the Caribbean Coast, is assigned 8 members.



**8 members**





It is emphasized that in all cases, equality and rotation of gender is assured as established in the Electoral Law.



It is important to recognize and congratulate all members of the Departmental and Regional Electoral Councils, who undertook this difficult work in a climate of peace, harmony and respect. They represent all the legally organized political forces in the country.

## Among the main functions of the Municipal Electoral Councils, the following are emphasized:

The members of the Municipal Electoral Councils, will be empowered to name and give possession to the members of the Polling Station Boards (PST), verify the location of the Polling Stations, guarantee the establishment of the electoral roll, provide credentials for the invigilators of the political parties, receive the electoral material corresponding to the PST, communicate the electoral results tally sheets to the Supreme Electoral Council, as well as process and resolve petitions, complaints and appeals filed by invigilators, as established in article 21, subsection b of Law 331, Electoral Law.



# SWEARING

## IN OF MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL COUNCILS

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At the same time, the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) gave notice that on Friday the 25th of June, the Departmental and Regional Electoral Councils swore in the Municipal Electoral Councils of the 153 municipalities of the country.

With the set-up of these Municipal Electoral Councils, working together and reporting to the Departmental and Regional Electoral Councils, the organization and administrations of a transparent and democratic electoral process is guaranteed, insuring the organization of an electoral process that respects the will of the citizens. This process will be carried out in a comprehensive and secure manner, with the timely application of the measures made necessary by the pandemic, in compliance with the sanitary indications established by the Ministry of Health (MINSA).



## CONTINUOUS AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATORY VOTER VERIFICATION ONGOING

### Mass Citizen Verification **24th AND 25th OF JULY**

The mass verification is a free exercise program as part of activity N°26 of the Electoral Calendar, in which the general public is the protagonist. This activity involves going to your Polling Station on the 24th and 25th of July to confirm whether or not you are included in the Electoral Roll of your Polling Station.

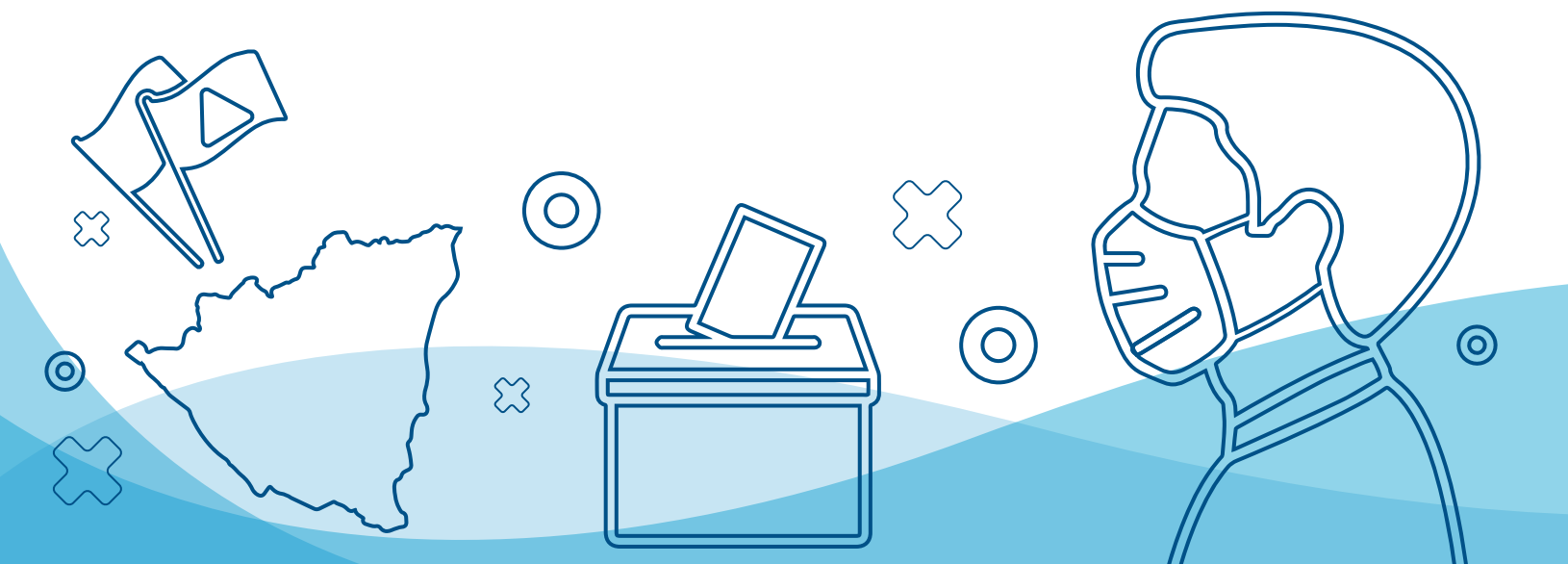


Besides being undertaken on a massive scale, on the dates indicated in the Electoral Calendar, citizen verification is an exercise that is carried out continuously during the whole year.



In this way, Nicaraguan citizens confirm their appearance in their Polling Station Roll or update data on changes of address, and, by so doing, correct said Electoral Roll before its closure thus making a definitive Electoral Roll, in accordance with that decreed in article 43 of Law 331, Electoral Law: “The Electoral Roll closes sixty days before the elections, thus forming the definitive electoral roll and platform, which must be passed to the participant political organizations forty five days before the elections...”.

For this task of citizen verification, this state body invites Nicaraguan citizens to participate in this massive civic exercise, so as to help insure a better organization to carry out the elections on the 7th of November next, thereby strengthening the climate of peace, harmony and tranquility between Nicaraguan brother and sisters, and, in this novel context of the pandemic, practicing the hygienic measures established by the Ministry of Health (MINSA).



It's important to underline that the Supreme Electoral Council, through the General Directorate of ID Registration carries on the permanent citizen verification.

As part of the organization of the 2021 free elections, citizen verification is essential for Nicaraguan citizens to verify and update their personal details and their domicile, and to identify the polling station at which to exercise their right to suffrage on 07th of November next.

The permanent exercise of citizen verification, is done in the ID registration offices in the whole country, for the following reasons:

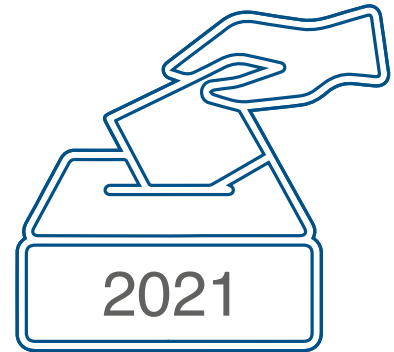


**Verify and confirm the Polling Station  
at which to exercise their right to vote**



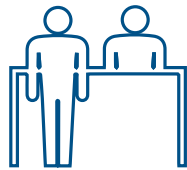
**Record change of domicile and identify a  
new Polling Station, near the new domicile,  
at which exercise their right on the 7th  
of November next.**

# Verify Polling Station



Refers to the verification of the Polling Station at which to cast your vote in the free elections of 2021 this coming 07th of November.

## Steps:



Present yourself at the nearest office of ID Registration



Show ID



Verification in the Electoral Roll



Confirmation of Polling Station



If the citizen agrees, he or she proceeds to sign

# CHANGE OF DOMICILE

The closing date for undertaken citizen verification in the Municipal Offices of ID registration of the Supreme Electoral Council is the 08th of September.



**The change of domicile during the period of verification its exclusively for entry in the electoral roll, in anticipation of the free elections of 2021.**

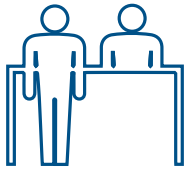
For citizens who changed domicile, they may request the free update to their domicile address at ID registration offices. This does not imply change to or printing of a new ID.







## Steps:



Present yourself at the nearest office of ID Registration



Show ID



Provide recent domicile address



Confirm nearest polling station, according to the citizens updated domicile



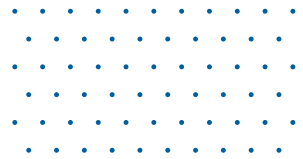
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# The Polling Station and Polling Station Boards

The Polling Stations at which to exercise the right to vote this coming 07th of November, in accordance with Law 331, Electoral Law will be determined by the Supreme Electoral Council.

The criteria for assigning a polling station, are based in demographic and territorial data. These obey strictly technical and physical criteria in terms of the available infrastructure which guarantee secure conditions for the functioning of the voting centers. This facilitates logistic and administrative management on the part of the Supreme Electoral Council.

The polling stations will function in schools, communal centers and public buildings designated by the Supreme Electoral Council. In exceptional cases, the electoral council can, if necessary, authorize the use of other centers so as to secure the citizens right to suffrage.



In the Polling Station, the Polling Stations Boards are established for a maximum of 400 voters. Each Polling Station Board shall be composed of a president and two members, each of these with their respective alternates.

For the month of July, activity N°28 of the Electoral Calendar establishes that the Supreme Electoral Council provide the participating political parties and alliances of parties with the locations and catchment areas of the Polling Stations, at which the Polling Station Soards will function. This will allow the participating political parties and alliances of parties to make their observations, as dictated by article 23 of the Electoral Law.



# NICARAGUA ID REGISTRATION ADVANCES

During the last week of 18th to 24th of June the Supreme Electoral Council has continued carrying out an extensive process of ID registration, attending during this period 17,906 procedures, of which:

4,403 arise from requests from people that have applied to register for their IDs for the first time; 7,588 renewals and 5,915 replacements.

**4,403**

ID newcomers

**7,588**

Renewals

**5,915**

Replacements





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTORAL CALENDAR



The section “Electoral roll and cartography” of the Electoral Calendar for the 2021 general elections establishes that the “Communication to the political parties and alliances, of the demarcations and locations of the Polling Stations, where the Polling Stations Boards will operate, will be fulfilled on the 16th of July”.

Between the 17th of July and the 1st of August, the political parties and alliances will register their “objections to the demarcations and locations of the Polling Stations”.



The Electoral Calendar also establishes that between the 24th and 25th of July, mass citizen verification will be undertaken in all Polling Stations of the country.

The presentation and provisional register of candidates for president and vice-president of the republic, deputies to the National Assemble (national and departmental) as well as deputies to the Central America parliament will begin on the 28th of July.





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