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# Newsletter

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# NEWSLETTER OF THE NOVEMBER 15 TO 20



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The Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua has guaranteed that the 2022 Municipal Elections will take place with total transparency, order, peace, and peaceful coexistence, where Nicaraguans voted to elect the Mayors, Vice Mayors, and Municipal Councils of the 153 Municipalities of the Country.

## SEC guarantees the period for the presentation of Appeals for Review of the Political Organizations that participated in the Municipal Elections



The Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua from November 18 to 23, will process and resolve the Appeals for Review duly presented by the Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties, which participated in the Electoral Process held on November 6.

In this sense, this Electoral Power is in compliance with activity number 33 of the Electoral Calendar, the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua, and Law No. 331, Electoral Law.

In electoral matters, the Appeal for Review is the one filed by the Political Organizations participating in an electoral process against the provisional results of an election, whether partial or total. This Appeal is filed before the Supreme Electoral Council, within 03 (THREE) days after the publication of the result.

One of the particularities of the Appeal for Review is that it only fits during the period of Provisional Results, since, according to the Electoral Law, once the Definitive Results are published, no further Appeal is possible.



# What is the pathway for the processing and resolving of the review appeal resources?



The procedure for the Resolution of the Review Appeals consists of the Supreme Electoral Council, requesting a report from the corresponding electoral bodies, notifying the Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties so that within a term of three days after being notified, they respond to what that they have good on said reports.

Once the term of three days has expired and the Political Organizations have ruled or not, the Supreme Electoral Council will resolve according to the law within a period of five days.



## Details on the challenge of the Vote Receiving Boards



The Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua will verify and verify the challenges presented in the 2022 Municipal Elections, out of a total of 7,931 Vote Receiving Boards (VRB) enabled in the 3,106 Voting Centers of the 153 Municipalities of the Country.



**7,931**  
**Vote Receiving  
Boards (VRB)**



**3,106**  
**Voting  
Centers**

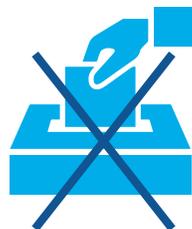
One of the characteristics of the Challenge Appeal in a Vote Receiving Board (JRV), is that it can only be filed by Prosecutors accredited before that Vote Receiving Board (VRB), and to be able to make use of that right they must have signed the Acts corresponding

to the voting process (Act of Constitution and Opening, Act of Closing of the vote and Act of Scrutiny).

Once the Challenge Appeal has been filed, the Members of the Vote Receiving Board (VRB) must not and cannot reject, qualify or resolve said Appeal, but must attach it to the corresponding Acts, forming part of the Electoral File of the Vote Receiving Board (VRB), to be taken to the Municipal Computing Center.

The Challenge Appeals, before a Vote Receiving Board (VRB), have their origin in Article 121 of the Electoral Law and will be accommodated when there are any of the 04 (FOUR) grounds indicated in Article 158 of the same Electoral Law.

The Challenge Resources filed in a Vote Receiving Board (VRB), will be qualified by the Members of the Municipal Electoral Council, according to the 04 (FOUR) causes indicated in Article 158 of the Electoral Law, resolving the admission or rejection, that is to say, the Members of the Municipal Electoral Council, do not resolve on the merits thereof. If the Appeal is admitted, it is sent to the Departmental Electoral Council to resolve its merits.



If a Challenge Appeal is qualified as not admitted by the Municipal Electoral Council (MEC), the Prosecutors can appeal on the spot. In this case, the Vote Receiving Board (VRB) must be raised, challenged, and appealed to the Departmental/Regional Electoral Council.

When a Challenge Appeal filed in a Vote Receiving Board (VRB) is resolved by the Departmental/Regional Electoral Council, and there is disagreement with the ruling by the Political Organizations, the Prosecutors of the Area of Resources of the Departmental/Regional Computer Centers can appeal on the spot. In this case, the Vote Receiving Board (VRB), contested and appealed, must be raised to the National Computing Center so that the Magistrates of the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC), who will hear the matter, issue the corresponding resolution. There is no further Appeal of this Resolution.



# Proclamation of Elected Men and Women, after the 2022 Municipal Elections



The Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua, will guarantee on November 24, the proclamation of Elected Men and Women of the 2022 Municipal Elections, the citizens who will occupy the 6,088 public positions will be announced in La Gazette, Official Diary.

All of this, in compliance with activity number 34 of the Electoral Calendar, the Proclamation of Authorities is a solemn act through which the electoral bodies declare the authorities elected and elected, according to the Election in question.



**6,088**  
Public  
Servants



This action is carried out once the electoral authorities have verified the observance and full respect of the fundamental principles and values, such as free elections, respect for political-electoral rights, free, secret and direct suffrage, that the results of the election reflect faithfully the free determination of the voters, respecting at all times the decision of the citizenry.

This proclamation is made once all the claims of the Political Organizations that have filed Challenge, Appeal, or Review Resources have been resolved, complying with the Law deadlines, observing, and thus complying with the guarantees of due process.



The Proclamation of the Elected Authorities is an act that gives Legality and Legitimacy to the Electoral Process and to the Authorities that have been elected.

In this sense, it is important to highlight that this Electoral Power favored the time established by Nicaraguan law so that the Legal Representatives of the Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties could present the Appeals for Review that they considered appropriate.

Likewise, the SEC guarantees compliance in time and form with the processing and resolution of these resources presented by each of the Political Organizations, in the period established by the Electoral Calendar and attached to Law No. 331, Electoral Law.



# Upcoming activities after the Municipal Elections 2022

The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC), attached to the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua and Law No. 331, Electoral Law, is in permanent compliance with the activities established in the Electoral Calendar of the 2022 Municipal Elections that were held on last November 6th.

## From November 18 to 23, 2022



Processing period and resolution of review appeals on the results of the Municipal Elections, by the Supreme Electoral Council.

## November 24, 2022



Proclamation of elected men and women in the 2022 Municipal Elections.

## November 25, 2022



Definite publication of the results on the Gazette, Official Diary of Nicaragua, and national newspapers.

### **From January 10 to 20, 2023**



Period of delivery of Credentials and Inauguration of the Mayors or Mayors, Vice Mayors or Vice Mayors, and Owner Councilors with their alternates.

### **From January 10 to 31, 2023**



Period of delivery of reimbursements of the Electoral Campaign expenses incurred by the Political Parties or Alliances of Political Parties that participated in the Municipal Elections.

# The SEC guarantees more than 60.000 ID card procedures

The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua, during the period from January 3 to November 5, 2022, guaranteed the effective development of the identity card process with a new format, managing to carry out a total of **608,995 procedures**, promoting in turn, with this effective mechanism, broad citizen participation in the Municipal Elections.

First-time applications:  **126,418**

Renewals:  **209,140**

Replacements:  **273,437**



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