San Juan—Puerto Rico is ready to fully support Joe Biden's presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next August.

Charlie Rodriguez, Chairman of the local Democratic Party, announced today that the Puerto Rico delegation has completed the selection of all 65 members during a state convention held this morning at the Blue Lagoon Cafe & Ballroom near the Condado Lagoon in San Juan.

The Delegate Selection Plan for Puerto Rico, approved by the DNC, provides for 36 senatorial district-level delegates who were elected in the presidential primary held last April 28. The remaining 29 additional delegates to which the Island is entitled would be selected at a State Convention.

According to the Island's Democratic leader, the 29 additional delegates consist of 12 At-Large delegates, seven party leaders or elected officials (PLEO) delegates, and five alternate delegates. The Plan also recognizes five automatic delegates: Chairman Rodriguez, Vice Chair Johanne Vélez, Committeeewoman Rosemary Vizcarrondo, Committeeman Luis Dávila-Pernas, and Governor Pedro Pierluisi. Seven party leaders or elected officials have been newly elected delegates: Miguel Romero, Angel (Luiggi) Torres, Jose “Che” Perez, Marissa Jimenez, Jesus Manuel Ortiz, Elisa Lopez, and Hector Ferrer-Santiago.

Twelve at-large delegates were ratified: Andres Guillemard, Andres W. Lopez, Simon Carlo, Pablo Jose Hernandez, Carlos Lopez, Sebastian A. Prats, Cary Pierluisi, Astrid Diaz, Claudia Mendez, Emarielys Marrero, Vivian Figueroa, and Ada Alvarez.

In addition, five Alternate Delegates were ratified: Alfredo Papo Alejandro, Hiram Luigi Sanchez, Andres J. Lopez, Marimar Lopez, and Jeirca Medina.

Last April, the following persons were elected as district-level delegates in the Democratic Presidential Primary:
San Juan District: Miguel Hernandez-Vivoni; Katherine Erazo; Eddie Charbonier; and Ivonne Lozada.

Bayamón District: Carmelo Rios; Aida M. Marquez; Juan E. Hernandez Mayoral and Debora Soto.

Arecibo District: Erik Y. Rolon; Glorimar Falconi; Edgardo Feliciano; Elizabeth Rosa; and Angel Ramos.

Mayagüez District: Lucy Arce; Jose J. Roldan; Evelyn Vazquez; Braulio Torres and Zulma R. Rosario.

Ponce District: Jessica Martinez; Emmanuel Piñeiro; Marially Gonzalez; Angel Fourquet; and Astrid Vazquez. In the

Guayama District: Jesús E. Colon-Berlingeri; Margarita Nolasco; Luis Javier Hernández; Evelyn Diaz; and Carlos Rodriguez-Mateo.

Humacao District: Rosachely Rivera; Roberto Jesus Lopez; Glenda Villafañe and Jose “Conny” Varela.

Carolina District: Lornna Soto; Angel Matos; Aurelio Agelviz; and Daisy I. Cruz.

Following the conclusion of the Democratic State Convention, the Puerto Rico delegation to the National Convention, composed of 65 delegates, met immediately. At the meeting, Luis Davila Pernas and Rosemary Vizcarrondo were ratified as members of the Platform Committee; Lara Mercado and Carmelo Rios were ratified as members of the Rules Committee; and Luis Balbino Arroyo and Elisa Muñoz were ratified as members of the Credentials Committee.

Additionally, Charlie Rodríguez was unanimously elected as the chairman of the Puerto Rico Delegation to the National Convention, scheduled to take place on August 19-22 in Chicago.

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