



Democratic Party of Puerto Rico / Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico

## **DEMOCRATIC DELEGATION HEADS TO CHICAGO TO NOMINATE KAMALA HARRIS**

*Democratic Convention Begins Monday*

SAN JUAN—With a delegation larger than 31 jurisdictions, including 25 states, Charlie Rodríguez said Puerto Rico will be prominent in the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Rodríguez, Chairman of the local Democratic Party, highlighted that the 65 Puerto Rican delegates have already pledged their votes to the current Vice President, Kamala Harris, adding to the momentum in her favor that the presidential campaign gained after President Joe Biden's withdrawal.

The local Democratic leader emphasized that Harris quickly gained the voter's attention and saw a positive surge in the presidential candidate's popularity, topping national polls. This support has also been reflected in critical states like Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, Georgia, Arizona, and Nevada.

"We are grateful to President Biden for his unwavering support and consideration for Puerto Rico and the Democratic electorate. We appreciate his decision to renounce his aspirations and continue his vision of improving the economy and people's lives. Kamala Harris embodies that vision and has garnered strong support. We anticipate a decisive victory."

Rodríguez, who also heads the Puerto Rico Democratic delegation in Chicago, will complete his term as chairman one week after the convention concludes. According to the local party's bylaws, the officers elected at the local reorganization assembly held in March, led by Luis Dávila Pernas, will assume their posts on August 29.

Thanks to the efforts made by Rodríguez at the head of the DPPR, the Democratic Platform that will become the government program of the new Harris-Walz administration is committed to parity and equal treatment for Puerto Rico in the federal SNAP, Medicaid, and Medicare programs.

The platform also includes extending Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to Puerto Rico and approving a congressionally mandated, binding status plebiscite with non-territorial/non-colonial options. These are statehood, independence, and free association, ruling out colonial commonwealth.

In fact, in next November's state elections, Puerto Ricans will have the opportunity to express their strong and open preference for Puerto Rico to become a state of the United States on a separate ballot.

The DPPR chairman also explained that for the first time, Puerto Rico's American citizens will also have a presidential preference ballot, the result of which will surely send a clear, direct, and forceful message to the federal capital.

"We anticipate and are convinced that on the presidential preference ballot that will be delivered to voters in Puerto Rico on November 5, Kamala Harris will prevail by a wide margin over Donald Trump," he said.

Puerto Rico's delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago consists of 65 participants: 60 delegates and five alternates. The delegates from Puerto Rico outnumber those from 31 of the 57 represented jurisdictions at the convention.

This makes the Puerto Rico delegation larger than that of 25 states, Washington D.C., the territories of Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Democrats abroad.