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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO ENDORSES PEDRO PIERLUISI FOR RE-ELECTION

DPPR Central Committee Meeting Also Elects Rosemarie Vizcarrondo as National Committeewoman

SAN JUAN- The Democratic Party of Puerto Rico (DPPR) approved a resolution endorsing the re-election of Gov. Pedro Pierluisi, said Charlie Rodríguez, the party's chairman.

In a crowded meeting at a hotel in the convention district in San Juan, Rosemarie Vizcarrondo was also elected as the new National Committeewoman of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico.

Vizcarrondo fills the vacancy created by the resignation for health reasons of former congressional delegate María "Mayita" Meléndez.

Rodríguez explained in detail to members of the Central Committee the procedures for selecting the delegates who will represent the island at the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Pierluisi was invited to deliver a message on the achievements obtained for the island with the Biden administration. The Governor, who is the highest-ranking Democratic elected official in Puerto Rico, was surprised by the presentation and approval of a resolution of support for his reelection efforts.

The extensive resolution of support was presented by current National Committeeman Luis Dávila-Pernas. It conveys in detail the positive scope of Pierluisi's gubernatorial administration and his relationship with the White House and President Joe Biden.

"It is necessary to point out that Governor Pedro Pierluisi is the only candidate who, in addition to being a member of the Democratic Party of the United States, has unequivocally declared himself in favor of statehood for Puerto Rico. This position reflects a firm commitment to the majority will of the people, as evidenced by the multiple exercises of self-determination over the past 10 years. Therefore, the Governor is the only Democratic candidate for La Fortaleza who currently meets the requirements to advance the commitment of our collectivity to support the will of the Puerto Rican people to achieve statehood for Puerto Rico," reads part of the approved resolution.

The DPPR Central Committee also approved several amendments to the party's bylaws.

"We are already positioning ourselves to comply with all the requirements of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and to participate in the convention with a large and strong delegation that reaffirms the will expressed by our people for permanent union under statehood," Rodriguez said.

The Democratic leader stressed that the delegation will be committed to supporting Biden's re-election bid, which is expected to have no primary challengers.

If Biden is the only Democratic candidate, the delegate selection process would be much more agile and economical for the Treasury, as established by the Electoral Code of Puerto Rico.

"I expect a lot of work, internal cooperation, and unity so that Puerto Rico's interests can be effectively advanced," Rodríguez commented.

He went on to say that Biden has reached out to Puerto Ricans without reservation, seeking their progress and well-being. "To have him in the presidency is to have a loyal friend for Puerto Rico and its future," he said enthusiastically.

The Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico is made up of 40 members. The group is divided into 13 members of the Executive Committee, 10 at-large delegates, 16 delegates, representing two for each of the eight senatorial districts, and the Young Democrats president. In addition, 10 ex-officio members are part of the central body.