

# *Ecuador's CNE gives slight advantage to Yaku Perez over Guillermo Lasso*

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**Whoever obtains the highest number of votes between Perez and Lasso will face Arauz in the second round. | Photo: @yakuperezg**

Quito, February 9 (RHC)-- The National Electoral Council (CNE) of Ecuador informed this Monday on its official website that, with 20 percent of the votes counted, the candidate for the Plurinational Unity Movement Pachakutik, Yaku Perez is slightly ahead of the representative of the political alliance Creo,

Guillermo Lasso, who at the moment would obtain 19.55 percent.

Thus, although these are not the final results, the Plurinational Unity Movement candidate Pachakutik is positioned in second place in the general elections held on Sunday. The candidate who obtains the highest number of votes will face next April 11 the representative of Union for Hope, UNES, Andres Arauz, who remains in first place with 32, 10 percent of the votes counted.

For the moment, the National Electoral Council has computed 98.67 percent of the ballots. Of these, 3.07 percent were blank and 9.48 percent of the votes counted were annulled.

Sunday's election day was characterized by a high citizen participation, despite the context of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as the delays in the opening and operation of the polling stations which generated long lines of voters.

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