

Gabriel Boric elected Chile's next president



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Santiago de Chile, December 19 (Prensa Latina)-- The candidate of the leftist coalition Apruebo Dignidad, Gabriel Boric, became today the youngest elected president of Chile, after winning the second round of the elections this Sunday.

Boric, 35 years old, obtained a victory of more than 11 points over his rival, the far-right José Antonio Kast, of the Social Christian Front.

"I will be the president of all Chileans, of those who voted for me, of those who did not vote," Boric said during a televised phone call with outgoing President Sebastián Piñera.

Boric was born on February 11, 1986 in the southern city of Punta Arenas, in the Region of Magallanes and Chilean Antarctica.

As a leader of the Student Federation of the University of Chile, he led, together with Camila Vallejo, Giorgio Jackson and Karol Cariola, the large demonstrations that shook the country in 2011 to demand free, free and quality education.

During the 2019 social outburst against the neoliberal model, he was part of the Peace Accord that opened the way to draft a new constitution to replace the one in force since 1980.

His government program foresees modernizing and strengthening the State, changing the current pension system, through which they pay pyrrhic withdrawals to affiliates, raising taxes on the richest and guaranteeing a universal health system.

Recovering employment, especially for women and young people, forgiving the education debt and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises are also among his priorities.

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