

# *Second National Popular Consultation underway in Venezuela*

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Caracas, August 25 (RHC)-- The Second National Popular Consultation began this Sunday in the more than 4,500 communal circuits or communes throughout Venezuela, where projects will be chosen from among seven candidates in communal council assemblies.

“All Venezuelans from 15 years of age and up are called to popular participation on Sunday,” said Ana María Cabrera, member of the commission and spokesperson for the Commune Unidos por el Gigante of Miranda state, in a press conference from the Ministry for Communes and Social Movements that preceded the consultation this Sunday.

“The only requirement needed to participate is the identity card.”

In all, 24,000 projects out of 103,000 proposed by the communal councils were submitted throughout the country for this national election, which mostly seek to address problems in the drinking water system, roads, housing, electricity, health, education, wastewater, productive units, environment, public transportation, spaces for sports, gas.

This activity is a form of organization supported by law, where initiatives in the area of social welfare, which are selected by vote, will be directly financed by the central government and administered by the communities, who will be guarantors of the fulfillment of these projects.

The local development projects approved in the popular consultations are funded by the administration of President Nicolas Maduro, who announced that four popular consultations will be held each year.

The Bolivarian authorities have called on citizens to vote to consolidate a new form of governance based on the de-bureaucratization of the state and the direct participation of citizens.

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