

# *Nominating those who best represent the interests of the people*

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According to the electoral authorities, the meetings in neighborhoods and communities are held at the time that each district deems appropriate, given the country's complex electro-energetic situation.

As usual, those who the citizens consider will best represent their interests and will work to solve the problems affecting the community are nominated, since it is the district delegates who make up the Municipal Assemblies.

It is valid to remember that the nomination is a right of the people, since the government does not nominate, nor does it carry out political campaigns.

Once nominated, the photo and biography of the candidates are placed in public places, so that each inhabitant may know their trajectory and vote in the ballot box with their free, direct and secret vote.

This process will be extended until November 12 and days later, specifically on the 27th, the municipal elections of the People's Power will be held. On December 4, a second round will be held in those districts where no candidate obtains more than 50% of the votes cast.

The Municipal Assemblies of People's Power, as pointed out by Cuban President Miguel Díaz Canel, constitute the most important structure of our political system, being the highest organ of the state and the government in the municipality, where the work of the country's leadership is being focused, as a matter of priority.

And to achieve the improvement of its work, in the center of which is the people, meetings have been held between the highest leadership and the members of the current Municipal Assemblies to analyze core issues that affect the population.

These are meetings that are here to stay, since they allow to know the existing needs and the opinions of the citizens, with whom the delegates must maintain a fluid dialogue, an essential aspect that has been repeatedly insisted upon.

It is precisely one of the duties of the delegates to maintain this permanent relationship, in addition to promoting the participation of the community in the solution of problems and periodically rendering an account of their management to those who placed their trust in them for this important task.

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