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As an observer of the electoral process in El Salvador, the Salvadoran American National Network (SANN) encourages a massive voter turn-out to overcome fear and re-affirm democracy in the country

United States of America & El Salvador March 14, 2009. SANN encourages the Salvadoran community to get out the vote without fear of violence or retribution, to elect a President that will be responsive to the economic crisis, the civic insecurity, and the suffering of those forced to migrate as a result of the lack of opportunities available in El Salvador.

SANN would like to emphasize the following: the United States will assure a positive, promising, and mutually beneficial relationship with El Salvador; the TPS (temporary protected status) has not been repealed and in fact has been renewed; President Obama's administration will work with whoever is elected president on March 15th.

The national delegation of observers from SANN represents communities from New Jersey, Massachusetts (Boston), Illinois (Chicago), California (Los Angeles and San Francisco), New York, Florida, and Texas. The delegation will be visiting several voting locations in the country in partnership with other Salvadoran organizations and the SHARE Foundation of the United States.

"We are constantly reporting back to our Congressional members and the press in the United States so that we can cultivate a relationship between the United States and El Salvador. The United States is home to more than 2 million Salvadorans working incredibly hard to send millions of dollars back to our homeland, El Salvador. We must remember that democracy is the best medicine against fear, corruption, lack of transparency and silence. The will of the people, through their vote, chooses a better future," declared Ana Pérez, President of SANN and Director of CARECEN in the San Francisco district represented by Congresswoman and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

The Network's delegation will be available for interviews from March 15th through the 18th in El Salvador.

El Salvador We Are One

Since 1992 the Salvadoran American National Network (SANN) is a network of institutions and individuals dedicated to the integral development and advancement of Salvadoran, Central Americans, and other immigrants in the US. The member organizations of SANN have a long history of serving and working with the Central American and other immigrant communities in the US.

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