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## The Salvadoran American National Network, SANN Release Report on eve of the Presidential Elections in El Salvador

**New York, NY. February 26.** The Salvadoran American National Network, SANN organized a delegation of four leaders from important cities in the U.S. to El Salvador between February 14 and February 20, 2008. In addition to setting in-country meetings with both presidential candidates and other key players, each delegate involved their local US Congressional leaders to maximize the political impact of the delegation.

The national delegation was led by Ana Perez, President of SANN and Executive Director of Central American Resources Center, CARECEN in San Francisco, CA; Guillermo Chacon, Board member of SANN and Vice chair of the New York immigration Coalition in New York, NY; Abel Nuñez, Board member of SANN and Associate Director of Centro Romero in Chicago, IL and Aquiles Magaña, Board member of CARECEN Los Angeles, CA and member of SANN.

“The main goal of our visit and developing our report is to raise awareness among the Salvadorean communities, US Congress and key opinion making institution of the up coming Presidential election in El Salvador, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We want transparent, democratic and free elections in El Salvador,” states, Ana Perez, President of SANN and Executive Director of CARECEN San Francisco, CA.

“The fact is that 2.5 million Salvadorean are living in the US. This is a historic presidential election for our communities; unfortunately the current political leadership in El Salvador has denied the right to vote for Salvadorean in the US. If Hondurans, Mexicans, Peruvians, Ecuadorians have that right to vote, why are we denied such a fundamental right, commented Guillermo Chacon, SANN board member and Vice Chair of the New York immigration Coalition in New York.

“We hope to contribute to make the Salvadoran government more responsive to the realities, aspirations of their nationals outside of their borders. Migration and impending world economic crisis are not debated in the presidential campaign; we need a clear plan of action from who ever is elected president,” stated, Abel Nuñez, SANN Board member and Associate Director of Centro Romero in Chicago, IL.

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