



Statement

A Victorious Message to the Bolivarian Venezuela

The Hugo Chávez Peoples' Defense Front, Southwest Chapter of Canada (Vancouver) joins the worldwide jubilation that has caused the Bolivarian people's strong victory on October 15, 2017, winning 18 governorships of 23 in dispute.

The Front for the Defense of the Peoples Hugo Chávez-SO reaffirms its conviction to support the principles of the Bolivarian and Chavista people in exercising their universal right to choose and defend their aspirations to seek the system according to their desires for self-determination as a free and sovereign people.

The FDPHC-SO condemns the cowardly and treacherous action of the opposition MUD not to accept the decision of the Venezuelan people, calling for continued violent street mobilizations, and at the same time continues to call for more foreign intervention from imperialist countries to overthrow the constitutional government of Nicolás Maduro.

The FDPHC-SO representing the Latin American, Caribbean, Canadian and progressive Canadian West Coast organizations demands that the Canadian government recognize the results of the 2017 Regional Elections and lift the sanctions unjustly, unilateral and coercive, imposed on Venezuela.

The Hugo Chávez Front for the Defense of the Peoples, Southwest Chapter (Vancouver) also sends a congratulatory message to the Ambassador of Venezuela in Canada, Wilmer Omar Barrientos Fernández, for this memorable victory of the Bolivarian and Chavista people. At the same time, we thank him for his valuable work in Canada.

The Hugo Chávez Front for the Defense of the Peoples, Southwest Chapter of Canada (Vancouver) makes a solidarity call to close ranks and support with fervor today more than ever, the struggles for the Bolivarian people. We reiterate the call to the progressive organizations that work and support the solidarity activities that the FDPHC-SO and other movements organize to consolidate the political work for Venezuela in the west coast of Canada, guided by the Action Plan "Todos Somos Venezuela".

**But now is a time for triumph, and tomorrow we will continue the fight until victory.
Commandant Hugo Chavez – present!**

***Long live the Eternal Commander Hugo Chávez!
Long live the Liberator of the peoples Simon Bolívar!
Long live President Nicolas Maduro!
Long live the Great Bolivarian Homeland!***

Ever onward to victory!

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