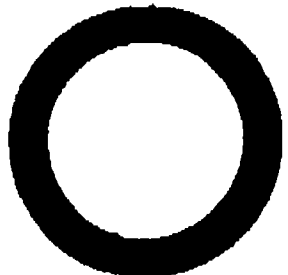


PUERTO RICO TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS

# These are the Political Status definitions according to the parties that promote them.



## STATEHOOD - 46.3%

A vote for Statehood is a mandate to demand Puerto Rico's admission as a state of the Union.

### Statehood:

- It is a non-colonial status with full political dignity
- It will allow us to have the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as the 50 states
- It is permanent union guaranteed and the opportunity for economic and political progress.
- It is the permanent guarantee of all the rights given by the Constitution of the United States of America - including the preservation of our culture.
- It is the permanent guarantee of American citizenship, our two languages, hymns and flags.
- It is the full participation in all federal programs
- It is the right to vote for the President of the United State and to elect no less than six Puerto Rican representatives and two senators to Congress
- In the exercise of our rights as American citizens, we will negotiate the terms of said admission, which will be submitted to the people of Puerto Rico for their ratification.



## COMMONWEALTH - 48.6%

A vote for the Commonwealth is a mandate in favor of:

- Guaranteeing our progress and security as well as that of our children within a status of full political dignity, based on the permanent union between Puerto Rico and the United States, embodied in a bilateral pact that cannot be altered except by mutual agreement

### The Commonwealth guarantees:

- Irrevocable U.S. citizenship.
- Common market, common currency and common defense with the United States.
- Fiscal autonomy for Puerto Rico.
- Puerto Rican Olympic Committee and our own international sports representation;
- Full development of our cultural identity under Commonwealth we are Puerto Rican first

We will develop Commonwealth throughout specific proposals to be brought before the U.S. Congress. We will propose at once:

- Reformulating Section 936, ensuring the creation of more and better jobs;
- Extend the Supplementary Security Insurance (SSI) to Puerto Rico;
- Obtain Multinational Assistance Program allocations equal to those received by the states.
- Protect other products of our agriculture, in addition to coffee.

Any additional change will be submitted to the Puerto Rican people beforehand for its approval.



## INDEPENDENCE - 4.4%

Independence is the right of our people to govern themselves in their own land; it is the enjoyment of all powers and attributes of sovereignty.

In the exercise of this inalienable right which cannot be renounced, Puerto Rico will be ruled by a Constitution which establishes a democratic government, protects human rights and affirms our nationality and language.

Independence will give Puerto Rico the necessary powers to achieve more development and prosperity, including the powers to protect and stimulate our industry, agriculture and commerce, control immigration, and negotiate international agreements to expand markets and promote investments from other countries.

A Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation with the United States and a process of transition toward independence in accordance with legislation already approved by the U.S. House of Representatives and the competent committees of the U.S. Senate, will provide for: the continuation of acquired Social Security, veterans and other benefits

Puerto Rican citizenship and U.S. citizenship for those who want to retain it; the right to use our own currency or the U.S. dollar; free access to U.S. markets; tax incentives for North American investment; federal aid in an amount equal to that received at present for at least a decade; and the eventual denationalization of the country

If you do not favor any of the definitions, you have the right to express your disagreement by depositing a blank ballot in the ballot box.



STATE ELECTIONS COMMISSION