



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: Consular Wardens

FROM: ACS Unit

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SUBJECT: Political Rallies Leading Up To May 16th Elections

Following is a Warden's Message being transmitted for your information. Please circulate this to your constituents.

The Embassy has learned that there will be political rallies held over the next several days. Please take note of the following dates and locations and plan your movements accordingly.

The PRSC campaign of Amable Aristy Castro plans on a closing celebration Friday, May 9, in Santiago. On Sunday, May 11, his campaign plans to gather and walk down Máximo Gómez Avenue, beginning near the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, to the Malecon/George Washington Avenue. Up to 300,000 people are estimated to attend.

The PLD will conclude its campaign activities with events on Saturday May 10 in Santiago at 3 p.m. on Las Carreras Avenue. There is also a second closing event planned for Monday, May 12, in Santo Domingo. President Fernández is supposed to deliver the keynote address at this rally in the northeast section of the capital. This is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. at the head of the Francisco del Rosario Sanchez Bridge, also known as the 17th Street.

The PRD campaign of Miguel Vargas will be in Samana in the morning of Friday, May 9' and then move to Santo Domingo North in the afternoon. On Saturday, May 10, there will be a march in San Pedro de Macoris in the morning and another in Santo Domingo in the afternoon. On Sunday, May 11' there will be a regional rally in Santiago and another in Azua. On Monday, May 12' a "caravan" is scheduled to take place in Baní. Finally, on Wednesday, May 14, the PRD has closing marches and caravans

scheduled in every municipality in the country as well as a final march from Livio Cedeño Street down to Duarte Avenue in Santo Domingo.

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