



OBSERVER'S NOTES

Under nonpartisan observation of the elections to local keneshes, which took place on April 11, 2021, the Public Foundation «Common Cause» monitors the situation on the lists of candidates, what they were before registration and on which lists the mandates were distributed among the deputies after the voting day.

The Foundation monitored the elections in nine cities of the country: Bishkek, Osh, Batken, Jalal-Abad, Karakol, Kaindy, Naryn, Talas, Tokmok, in three of them the election results were canceled (on the map Tokmok, Osh, Bishkek). Therefore, this document included information on changes in the lists of candidates for parties that took part in the elections in six cities.



Preliminary information was prepared as of May 20, 2021 since the legislation does not prohibit changes in the order of the parties in the lists.

According to independent observation, most political parties used the gaps in the electoral legislation to register the initial list of candidates for participation in the elections, changed the lists of candidates at the end of the elections and distributed mandates following the voting of deputies to local keneshes, which took place on April 11, 2021, among other candidates already.

The Foundation regards this kind of actions on the part of individual political parties as possible manipulations with the lists of candidates and violation of the rights of individual candidates.



“Based on the observation data, according to the results of the elections, changes were made to the final lists of candidates of political parties for 48 candidates. In other words, almost a third of the initial candidates for various reasons were not included in the final lists and did not receive their mandates as a deputy of the local Kenesh”.

For example, in the cities of Karakol, Jalal-Abad, Batken, Kaindy, Talas and Naryn, in the local elections, a total of 29 political parties and 171 candidates overcame the **7%** electoral threshold. ”

Thus, in the city of Batken, 4 political parties passed the electoral threshold. These 4 parties changed the final lists of candidates, in other words, 9 candidates were included in the lists and received mandates.

In the city of Jalal-Abad, 3 political parties have passed the electoral threshold. They also changed their lists, and 8 new candidates were added. The political parties “Onuguu-Progress” and “lyman Nuru, which passed the electoral threshold, did not change their lists of candidates submitted initially for registration.

7 political parties have passed the electoral threshold **in the city of Naryn**. Changes in the lists of these parties took place for 17 candidates.

5 political parties have passed the electoral threshold **in Kaindy.** The change took place for 1 candidate. The political parties "Stolitsa", "Tynchtyk", "Uluu-Zhurt" and "Yiman Nuru", which passed the electoral threshold, did not change their lists of candidates submitted initially for registration.

In the city of Talas, 5 political parties have passed the electoral threshold, changes have occurred in 6 candidates, from the initial list of candidates. The political party "Respublika", which passed the electoral threshold, left its list in its original form.

In the city of Karakol, 5 political parties passed the electoral threshold, and changes took place in 7 candidates. The political parties "Yiman Nuru" and "Zamandash" did not change the submitted initial lists of candidates.

At the same time, the Foundation notes that on the part of the candidates approved in the initial list of political parties who participated in the elections of deputies of local keneshes, after changes (shifts) of statements or complaints about the illegality and groundlessness of changes (shifts) by other candidates standing above or below no candidates of the above-mentioned political parties and cities, where the Foundation conducted monitoring, were submitted to the territorial election commissions. As a result of changes (shifts) in the sequence of candidates in the lists, gender quotas, in accordance with the requirements of the legislation, were preserved / observed.

Before the 2019 amendments, parties could independently change party lists without the consent of candidates; after the amendments, parties can update party lists to obtain a mandate only with the written consent of the candidate. The final version of the list of candidates for mandates in the city council must be presented before the official election results are announced.

The Common Cause Foundation calls on political parties to be consistent in their participation in repeat and future elections from the start of the elections to the receipt of mandates to keep the candidates included in the lists of parties according to the established lists and quotas.

The Foundation has previously drawn the attention of the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic to the need to establish in the electoral legislation a norm prohibiting political parties to change the order of candidates on the registered lists of candidates of political parties after voting day (except for cases when a candidate voluntarily renounces his mandate in writing).



The Foundation also developed a recommendation, according to which it is necessary to make changes and additions to the electoral legislation and other legal acts to develop and strengthen effective procedures for internal democratic governance within the parties themselves to exclude the possibility of changing the party's candidate lists after the approval of the election results by the Central Election Commission.



The Public Foundation "Common Cause" continues nonpartisan observation in the cities of Tokmok, Osh and Bishkek, since the results of elections of deputies to local keneshes in these cities were invalidated due to gross violations by certain political parties that influenced the expression of the voters' will.

