Primaries. Italian Democratic Party: How, When to Vote in NY

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On November 25th, the primaries of the Democratic Party (PD) will take place and they have never been more important. All the electors can choose between Pierluigi Bersani, Nichi Vendola, Matteo Renzi, Bruno Tabacci and Laura Puppato: here is how you can vote from New York.

The Italian political prospective has never been more confusing. The final vote is in 2013, but the challengers are not defined yet. That's why this month will be crucial: on November 25th, in fact, the primaries of the <u>Democratic Party</u> [2](PD) will take place.

And all the Italians abroad can now vote between <u>Pierluigi Bersani</u> [3], <u>Nichi Vendola</u> [4], <u>Matteo Renzi</u> [5], <u>Bruno Tabacci</u> [6] and <u>Laura Puppato.</u> [7]

Below are the instructions for voting:

WHO CAN VOTE:

- All the electors who registered at AIRE [8], who aged 18 years by November 25th.
- All Italians resident or temporary abroad for study or work who sign the public appeal for support of the center-left Coalition "Italia Bene Comune (Italy Common Good)" and claim to recognize in its Charter of Intent.
- All voters who are considered as off-site, away from their respective place of residence, who provide written information to the local coordination. Those who fall into this category are: the military mission, the staff of the diplomatic and consular corps, the Erasmus students, university researchers abroad, Italian citizens temporarily residing abroad.

HOW TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO VOTE:

• The citizen must subscribe to the public appeal to support the center-left Coalition "Italy Common Good" and then enroll in the electorate register from November 4th to November 25th 2012 on www.primarieitaliabenecomune.it or in the offices* decided by the local coordination.

HOW TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE:

- Each voter has to submit to the electoral office a valid document of identity and the voter certificate of the center-left coalition "Italy Common Good."
- Each voter can vote only in the polling station of his foreign hometown assigned at the time of registration.

WHEN TO VOTE:

- Saturday November 24th from 10 AM to 8 PM.
- A possible second round is scheduled for Saturday December 1st from 10 AM to 8 PM.

*At the moment, the offices to exercise your vote are: 25 Carmine Street (Manhattan) and 24-44 Francis Lewis Blvd (Queens).

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