



Republic of Liberia  
**National Elections Commission (NEC)**



**PRESS BRIEFING NOTES**  
**NOVEMBER 26, 2009**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Statement by Hon. James M. Fromayan,  
Chairman of the National Elections Commission (NEC)**

**On the Occasion of the Announcement of the Final Results  
of the Montserrado County Senatorial By-election Run-Off**

The National elections Commission (NEC) commenced the process of organizing the Senatorial By-Election Run-Off in Montserrado County two weeks ago.

The By-election Run-off became necessary after none of the ten candidates that contested the November 10, 2009 Montserrado County Senatorial By-election obtained 50%+1 of the valid votes cast as prescribed by Article 83(b) of the Liberian Constitution.

The By-Election Run-Off was contested by the two candidates that obtained the highest number of valid votes in the November 10 By-election.

The National Elections Commission congratulates the two candidates that participated in the Run-off election, namely Geraldine-Doe Sheriff of the Congress for Democratic Change and Clemenceau Blayon Urey Sr. of the Unity Party as well as all of the eligible voters of Montserrado County for their active participation in the process.

**105,800** Voters turned out to vote in the By-Election Run-Off which amounts to **22.36%** of the 473, 193 voting populace of Montserrado County. This turn out is higher than the recorded turnout in the first round on November 10. This increment is invariably an expression of voters interest in the process contrary to widespread belief that there were high voters' apathy and low turnout.

We thank the registered voters of Montserrado County for their commitment and dedication to the democratic process by showing up for the election, despite difficult conditions, including walking long distances to vote for the candidate that will represent their interest in the Liberian Senate.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are pleased this evening to officially announce the final results of the Montserrado County Senatorial By-Election Run-Off held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

The final results of the November 24, 2009 Montserrado County Senatorial By-Election Run-Off, as certified by the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commission are as follows:

**County: MONTSERRADO**

**Polling Places Reported: 968 of 968**

| <b>Candidates</b>                | <b>Votes Obtained</b>       | <b>Percent of Valid Votes</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| DOE-SHERIFF, GERALDINE (CDC)     | 58,384                      | 56.0%                         |
| UREY SR., CLEMENCEAU BLAYON (UP) | 45,864                      | 44.0%                         |
|                                  | <b>Total Valid Votes</b>    | <b>104,248</b>                |
|                                  | <b>Total Invalid Votes:</b> | <b>1,552</b>                  |
|                                  | <b>Total Votes:</b>         | <b>105,800</b>                |

Based on the above results, Geraldine Doe-Sheriff of the Congress for Democratic Change (CDC), is therefore declared the winner of the Montserrado County Senatorial By-election Run-off.

The National Elections Commission hails the people of Montserrado County for participating in the By-election Run-off. The NEC in similar measure wishes to register its profound thanks and appreciation to the Government of Liberia, local and international partners of the Commission, including UNDP, UNMIL, USAID, IFES, AU, EU, ECOWAS, NDI etc, Media and observation organizations for their individual and collective contributions made to the process.

A special word of commendation goes to Headquarters and County staffs of the NEC for the essential role they played especially Co-Chairman and members of the Board of Commissioners for their role which led to the overall success of the Montserrado County By-election Run-off.

We also express thanks to the men and women of the Liberia National Police, UNMIL Military and UNPOL for the security they provided during the process.

I thank you