

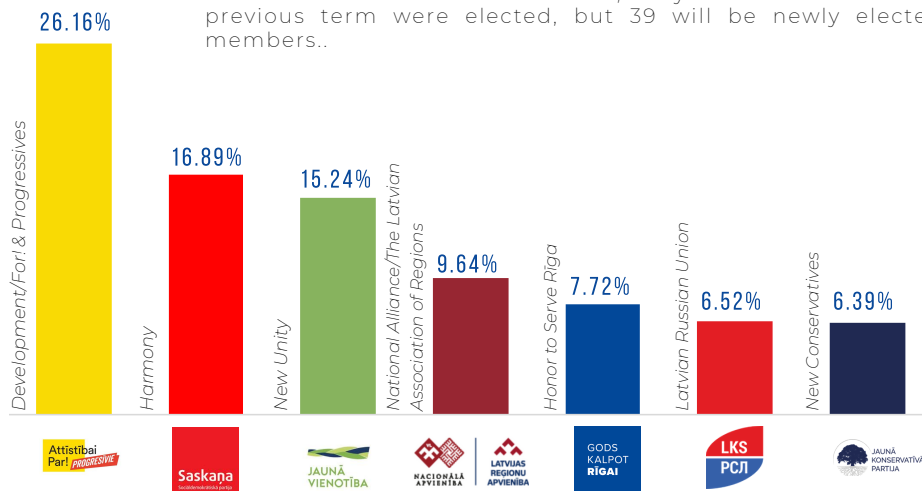
RESULTS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY ELECTIONS TO THE RIGA CITY COUNCIL



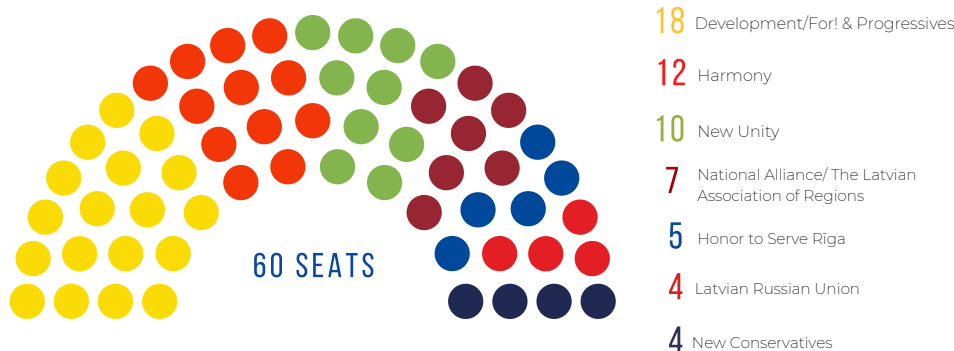
August 29, was the official date of the extraordinary elections to the Riga City Council, where the eligible inhabitants of Riga could choose one of the 15 submitted lists of candidates to give their vote to. Based on the results from all 156 polling stations, the joined list of Development/For! and the Progressives had a clear win, gathering 26.16% of the votes in that way breaking the long lasting pro-russian party Harmony being in power in the Riga City Council.

40.58% eligible residents voted in the Riga City Council extraordinary elections, and this was the historically lowest turnout in the municipal elections in Riga since 1997

All together, seven out of 15 lists of candidates reached the 5% threshold gaining the seat in the Council. From all the elected members of the Council, only 21 members of the previous term were elected, but 39 will be newly elected members..



PLANNED MEMBERS OF THE NEW RIGA CITY COUNCIL



POTENTIAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Long discussions are unlikely regarding the coalition as the pro-russian parties have not received enough votes to form the coalition as before. This will be the first time in 11 years, when the Riga City Council will not be led by the political party Harmony.

COALITION (39):

- Development/For! and the Progressives
- New Unity
- National Alliance and the Latvian Association of Regions
- The New Conservatives'

OPPOSITION (21):

- Harmony
- Honor to Serve Riga
- The Latvian Russian Union

On February 13, 2020, the Parliament adopted the Law on Dissolution of the Riga City Council, which entered into force on February 25 after promulgation by the President of Latvia Egils Levits. The election, originally scheduled for April 25, was first put off until June 6, but due to the state of emergency declared in Latvia and the security measures introduced to prevent the spread of Covid-19 the election took place on August 29.

LEADER OF THE WINNING LIST



MĀRTIŅŠ STAĶIS

(DEVELOPMENT/FOR! AND THE PROGRESSIVES)

Member of Parliament and a former Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Defence.

Mārtiņš Staķis, the leader of the winning list of candidates has already invited the representatives of the parties elected to meet on August 31 for the first official talks on the formation of the new ruling coalition of the Riga City Council. He has noted that the coalition should be formed by all parties forming the government coalition, which have been elected to the Riga City Council in that way ensuring stable work and facilitating difficult decision making.

Attīstībai Par! PROGRESSĪVE PROGRAM

In their election program, the Development/For! and the Progressives promised to open the capital city to the people, to invest money in warming up the economy to deal with the Covid-19 caused consequences, invest in social security and the urban environment- repairing streets, sidewalks and bridges. The party program covered the fight against corruption, promoting better and more transparent governance, ensure accessible and inclusive education, greener capital city, housing available to everyone, social security, convenient and ecological movement, innovation and digitalization and promoting healthy living and sport.