

Electoral Participation of Women, Persons with Disabilities and New Immigrants in Taiwan

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The Current Population of Taiwan

As of September 2021

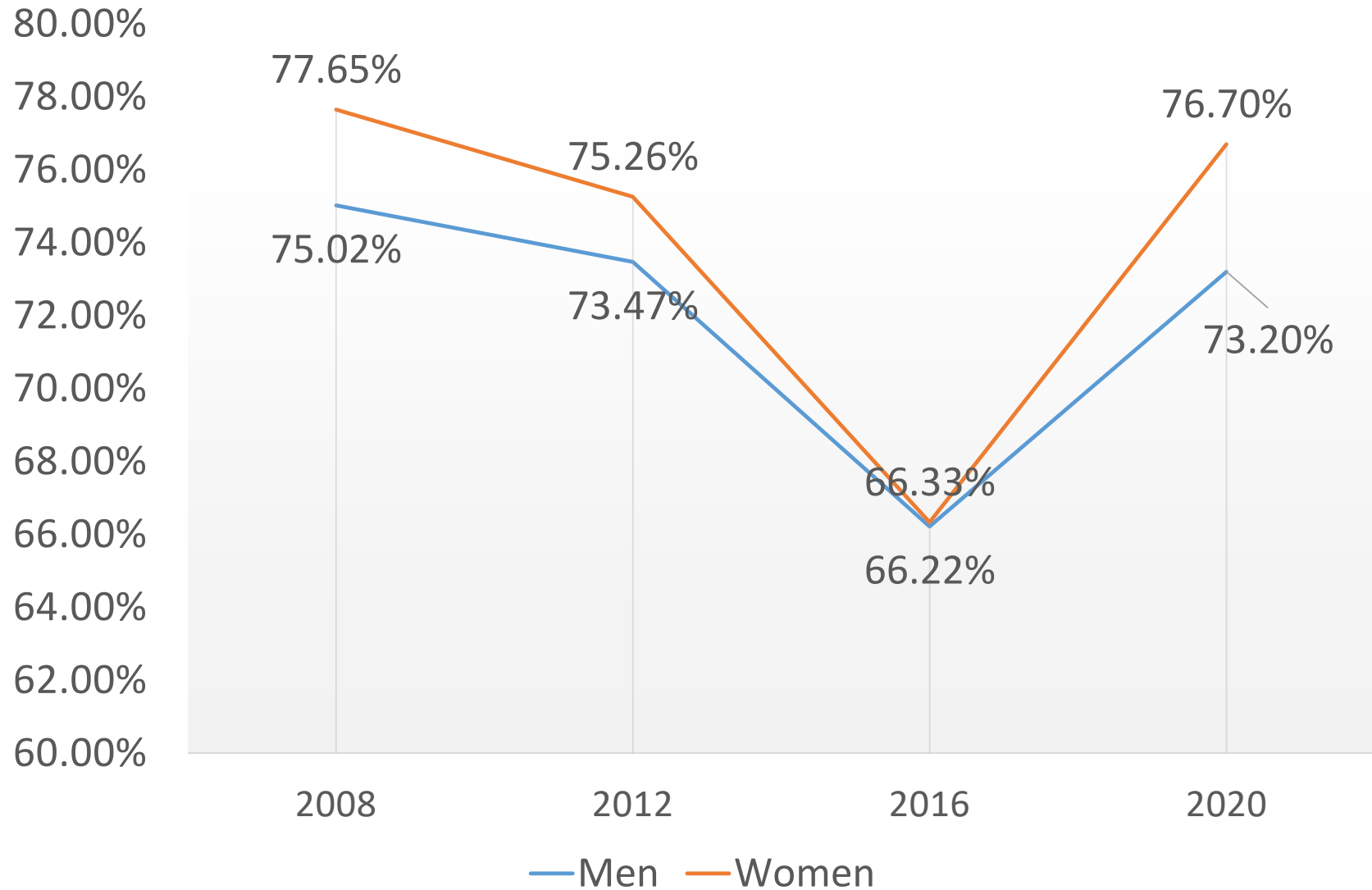
- ▶ The total population: 23,430,948
- ▶ Females: 11,824,320
- ▶ Persons with disabilities: 1,199,681
- ▶ New immigrants: 568,925

<https://statis.moi.gov.tw/micst/stmain.jsp?sys=100>

<https://dep.mohw.gov.tw/dos/cp-2976-61106-113.html>

<https://www.immigration.gov.tw/5382/5385/7344/7350/8887/?alias=settledown>

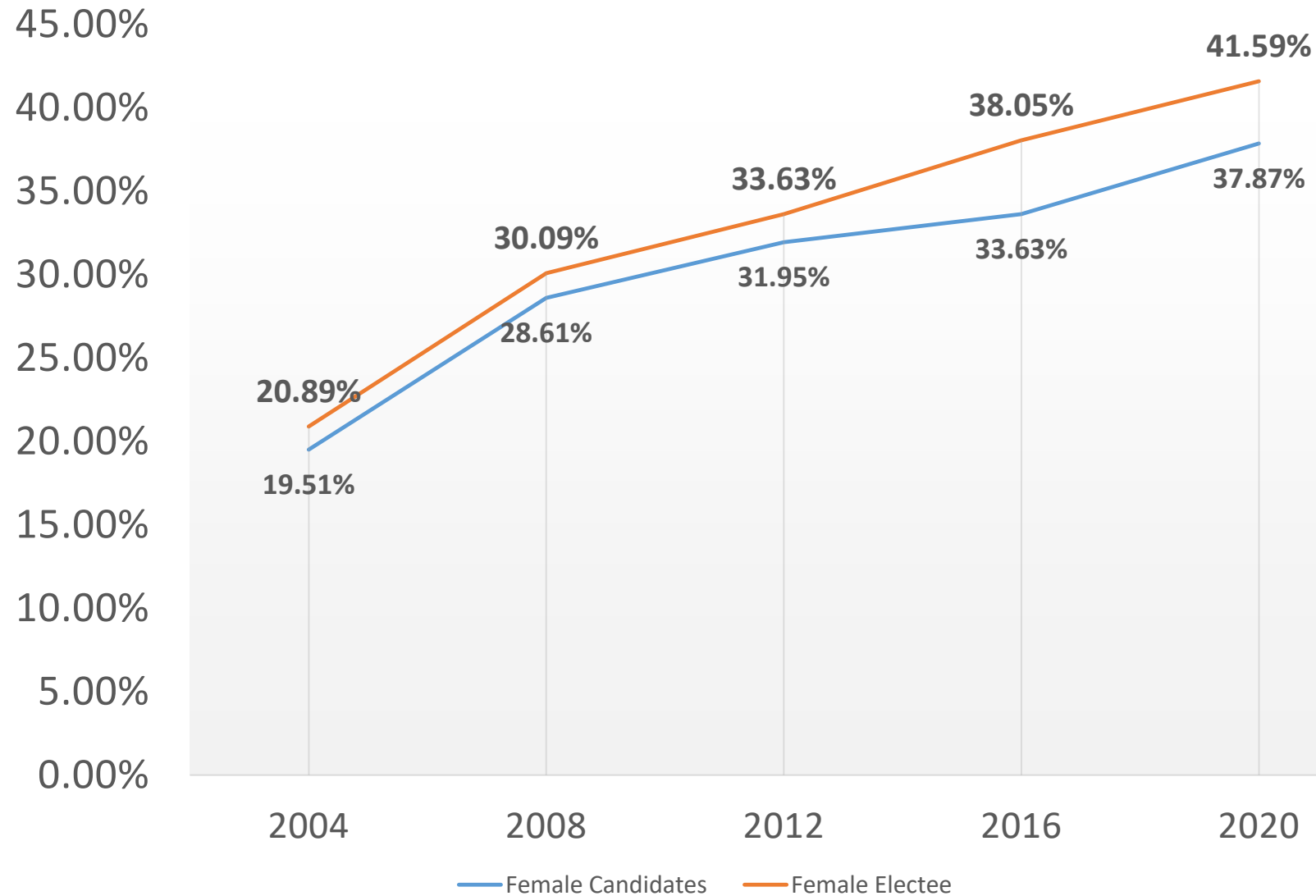
Table 1. Voter Turnout by Gender in Presidential Elections



Gender Quotas for Women (1)

- ▶ The Constitution stipulated that in the various kinds of elections, the number of women to be elected shall be fixed, and measures pertaining thereto shall be prescribed by law.
- ▶ The Legislative Yuan
 - ▶ Since 2005, the adoption of a mixed-member electoral system, consisting of an SMD-plurality system with a closed PR system
 - ▶ According to the Constitutional Amendment (2005), due to the changed electoral rules, the practice of reserving seats for women in the national legislature was abolished, and 50% of elected members on the party list are required to be women.

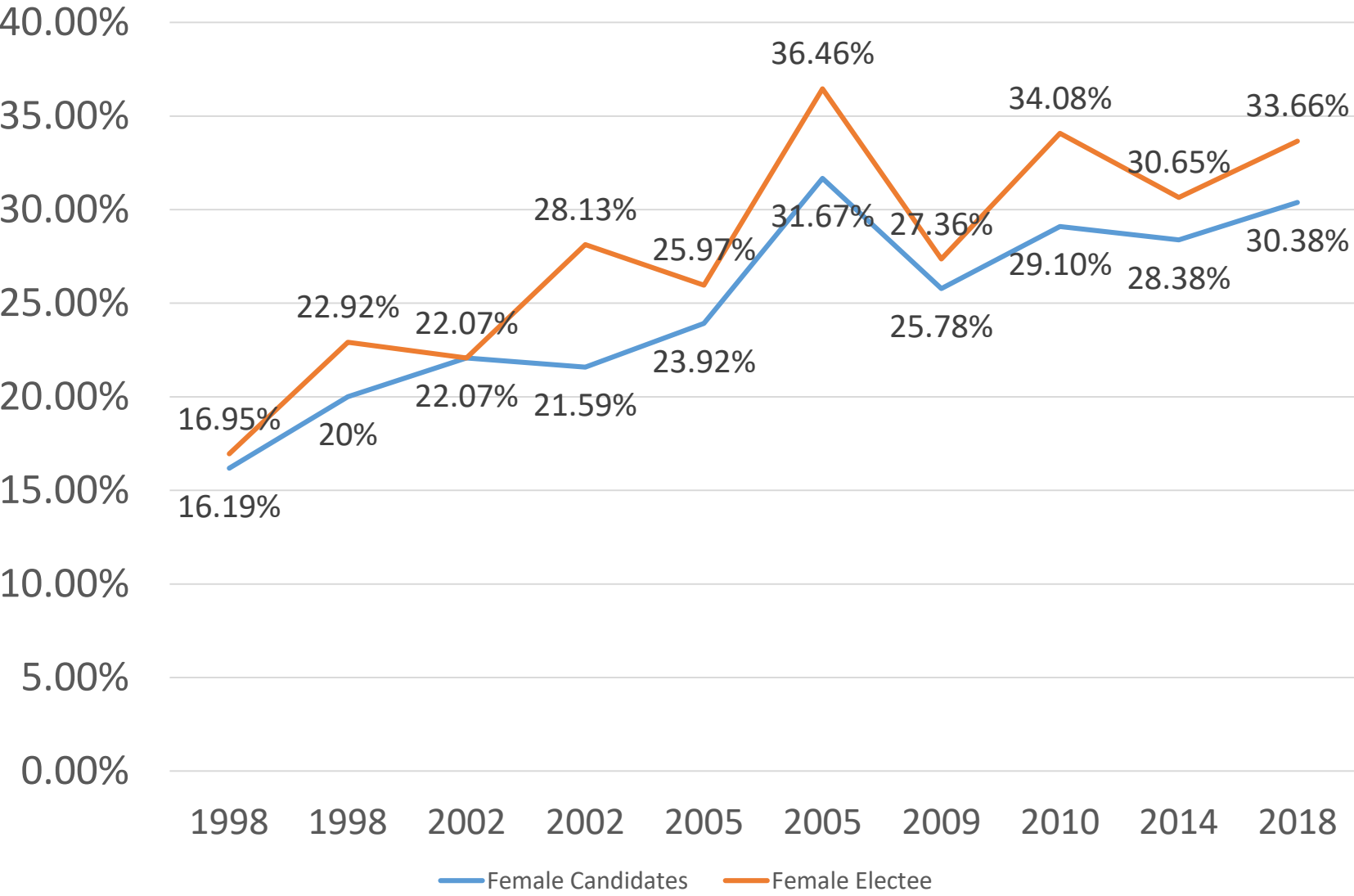
Table 2. Women's Representation in the Legislative Yuan



Gender Quotas for Women (2)

- ▶ The Constitution passed in 1946 stipulated that there should be seats reserved for women in each legislative body
- ▶ Local Councils
- ▶ The Local Government Act was amended in 1998, and for each district it was recommended that one out of every four seats should be for women.
- ▶ About 15% to 25% of seats are reserved for women.

Table 3. Women's representation in Local Councils *



* Municipal Councils and City/County Councils

Promoting women's participation in elections

- ▶ Creating a voter friendly environment
 - ▶ People can bring their kids (under the age of 6 years) to the voting booth.
- ▶ The future prospects of women's political representation
 - ◆ The proportion of women representatives for township councils is lower than 30%.
 - ◆ Amending the law to increase reserved seats for women (- still under discussion)
 - ◆ Encouraging parties to adopt/implement voluntary party candidate quotas to improve the number of female nominees

Promoting the Participation of Persons with Disabilities

- ▶ Addressing the Barriers

Information for Persons with Disabilities

Voter Information in Accessible formats



Audio Files



Large print



Use signs and posters to direct voters

Information for Persons with Disabilities



Sign language interpretation for election forums

Working to ensure equal access for all voters

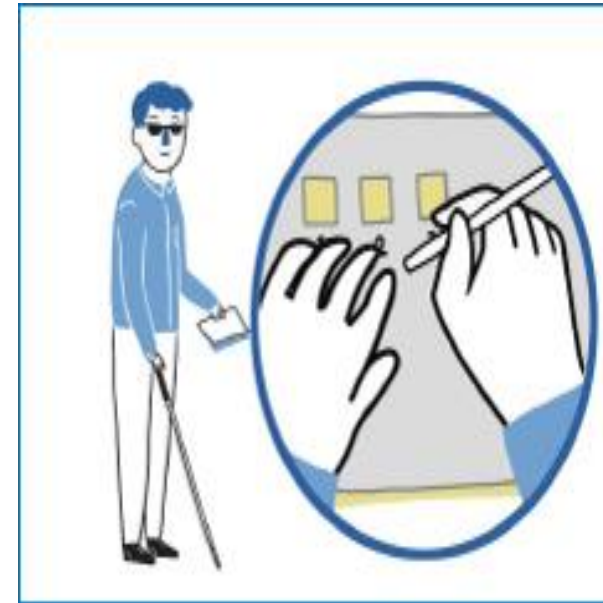
ACCESSIBLE polling places,
voting procedures,
voting equipment



Wheelchair-accessible polling booths



In person voting assistance



Braille Ballot papers

Working to ensure equal access for all voters

各級機關辦理各項活動設置無障礙設施及服務檢核表

辦理機關			
活動名稱			
活動地點	活動日期	年	月 日
聯絡人姓名	聯絡電話		
聯絡人電子信箱			
檢核項目		檢核項目(符合者請打勾)	
1	場地 (均須符合)	通路(須符合)	<input type="checkbox"/> 室外、室內通路走廊及坡道能容納輪椅、電動代步車通行，且地面平整、堅固、防滑。 <input type="checkbox"/> 活動場所應規劃至少1條無障礙通路連結便利行動不便者及身心障礙者進出之主要出入口、無障礙設施、展場或活動場地。 備註：單向通行人行動線淨寬不得小於90公分；如為雙向通行人行動線淨寬不得小於150公分。
		出入口 (A類符合-B-C和D至少符合1項)	<input type="checkbox"/> A. 道路或人行道及建築物主要出入口設有無障礙引導標誌，及緊急疏散路線。 <input type="checkbox"/> B. 出入口地面應順平，不得設置門檻且淨寬不得小於80公分。 <input type="checkbox"/> C. 針對設置門檻之出入口備妥移動式斜坡。 <input type="checkbox"/> D. 若坡道為取代樓梯者(即未另設樓梯)，則淨寬不得小於150公分。
		昇降設備(至少符合1項)	<input type="checkbox"/> 設有可供行動不便者進出之昇降設備。 <input type="checkbox"/> 設有其他昇降措施(請說明)： <input type="checkbox"/> 活動場地僅位於1樓免設置。
		舞台(至少符合1項)	<input type="checkbox"/> 舞台設置斜坡道，坡道淨寬不得小於90公分，坡度(高度與水平長度之比)不得大於1/12。 <input type="checkbox"/> 供行動不便者自由進出之昇降設備，依建築技術規則之規定。
2	無障礙交通接駁	<input type="checkbox"/> 設置無障礙廁所(須符合)	<input type="checkbox"/> 設置無障礙廁所(須符合) <input type="checkbox"/> 設置無障礙廁所，應符合以下各項，並設有入口引導。 <input type="checkbox"/> 由通路進入廁所時無高差。 <input type="checkbox"/> 廁所地面堅硬、平整、防滑。 <input type="checkbox"/> 設置淨空間。(迴轉空間，直徑不得小於150公分) <input type="checkbox"/> 設置求助鈴。 <input type="checkbox"/> 設置扶手。 備註：若屬無障礙流動廁所，其設置請參照行政院環境保護署「大型活動環境及安全管理指引」。



Accessibility Checklist

Mock Elections

Voting Order Priority

Physically Disabled Legislators



Chung-Hsiung Hsu (1993-2011)

<https://www.ly.gov.tw/Pages/List.aspx?nodeid=1414>
<https://www.ly.gov.tw/Pages/List.aspx?nodeid=1762>
<https://www.ly.gov.tw/Pages/List.aspx?nodeid=1813>



Yu-Hsin Yang 2012-2016



Jung-Chang Wang 2016-2020

Promoting New immigrants' political participation

Using different languages to explain the voting process and the matters needing attention during voting



Dinh chuc bo phieu
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- 1. Nhận phiếu bầu và kiểm tra thông tin cá nhân trên phiếu bầu.
- 2. Chọn lựa ứng cử viên và ghi dấu X vào ô ứng cử viên.
- 3. Cho phiếu bầu vào hòm phiếu.
- 4. Kiểm tra lại phiếu bầu trước khi bỏ vào hòm phiếu.
- 5. Không được mang phiếu bầu đi đâu khác ngoài hòm phiếu.
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- 8. Không được mang phiếu bầu đi đâu khác ngoài hòm phiếu.

Tiết học về BỎ PHIẾU

Những điều chú ý
Khi bỏ phiếu bầu cử:

- 1. Không mang phiếu bầu đi đâu khác ngoài hòm phiếu.
- 2. Không mang phiếu bầu đi đâu khác ngoài hòm phiếu.
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Quy trình bỏ phiếu bầu cử
Tiến hành như thế nào:

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Promoting New immigrants' political participation

- ▶ Conducting mock elections
- ▶ Recruiting new immigrant poll workers



Promoting New immigrants' political participation

- ▶ The CEC invites a celebrity who is also a new immigrant to shoot a promotional video



Foreign-Born Politicians in Taiwan



Ms. Li-chan Lin
The first new immigrant
legislator in Taiwan (2016-2020)

<https://eng.ncnu.edu.tw/node/509>



In 2018, two new immigrant candidates
competed against each other for local council
elections.

<https://www.ettoday.net/news/20181112/1303938.htm>

Thank you!