



Pro-democracy candidates win big in Hong Kong

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Hong Kong's democrats romped to a landslide and symbolic majority in district council elections after residents turned out in record numbers on Sunday to vote following six months of anti-government protests in the embattled city.

1. A landslide victory for Hong Kong's pro-democracy camp on Monday.
2. Candidates running against the establishment won nearly 90% of 452 district council seats, according to local media.
3. That's compared to around 22% last time around.
4. Elections follow six months of chaotic anti-government protests.
5. But, on voting day Sunday a lull in the violence and cheers for the winners.
6. Democratic candidate Kelvin Lam won his race.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION WINNER FOR SOUTH HORIZONS WEST, KELVIN LAM, SAYING:

"I think the Hong Kong people have clearly spoken in a way, that this is not only a referendum, but it sends a very strong signal to the government that they (the voters) are not happy with how they (the government) deal with the protests so far. And I think that the Hong Kong people should really, really leverage on this results to ask for more democracy in the future."

7. The voting turnout was around 71%, almost double the number from last time and a record for Hong Kong.
8. There is still no universal suffrage in the Chinese-ruled city, meaning people don't have the right to choose their top leader.
9. But they can choose district councillors who make policy on neighborhood issues like transportation and garbage collection.

10. However, some say Sunday's results will have a much wider effect, turning up the heat on the city's pro-Beijing leadership.

11. One democratic candidate who narrowly lost his race took aim at Chief Executive Carrie Lam.

DEMOCRACY ACTIVIST LEUNG KWOK-HUNG , SAYING:

"She said that she represent(s) the majority of the Hong Kong people. But the results of the election shows the other way. If I was Carrie Lam I should prepare for the speech of my resignation."

12. Lam responded on Monday, saying the government would respect the election results and listen to the public's views "with an open mind."