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FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: MACRON DEFEATS LE PEN TO SECURE SECOND TERM

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Emmanuel Macron has beaten his far-right rival Marine Le Pen in the second round of France's presidential election. The incumbent became the first French leader to win reelection for 20 years with 58.5% of the vote.

French voters on Sunday handed Emmanuel Macron a second term in the country's presidential election after his far-right rival Marine Le Pen failed to achieve a populist upset.

Macron won around 58.5% of the vote versus Le Pen on 41.5%, according to preliminary official results.

In doing so, he becomes the first French leader to win reelection in two decades since Jacques Chirac in 2002.

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