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New call for DenunciAND for the Purissima long-weekend for housing

The anonymous platform calls for two new demonstrations for the long-weekend and for the State debate

The collective calls for mobilization to protest against the Government's «economic violence»

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he anonymous platform DenunciAND, main promoters of the demonstration produced last October 31st to protest against the rising prices of housing in the Principality and the daily protests, made a new call to citizens last friday to hold two more mobilizations that will coincide with the Puríssima long-weekend on December 8th, a period when the country welcomes a large number of tourists for the Spanish holidays, and another that will be carried out as part of the State deba-

DenunciAND highlights the peaceful attitude of the demonstrators last October 31st when the silence was broken

te on housing that will hold the General Council next Thursday, November 16th, called by the majority formation of the opposition, Concòrdia.

The platform denounced last friday, through the Instagram social network, «the economic violence of the Government and the opulent clans that have led us to « the inflationary situation in the real estate market. Towards this, DenunciAND highlighted the response of the public, following its call for a demonstration, where «we broke the sound of silence, all done in an exhibition of pacifism». Thus, the anonymous platform aspires to re-mobilize citizens to provoke two mass protests that affect the ordinary functioning of the country in a period where the reception of tourists increases exponentially, in addition to in-



▶▶ Demonstration for housing on October 31st called by DenunciAND.

creasing the pressure towards the class politics by mobilizing around the General Council while the State housing debate is held.

The latest demonstration called by DenunciAND managed to mobilize more than 1,000 citizens, who took to the streets to protest against the current housing situation, where several chants against real estate speculators could be heard, the head of government, Xavier Espot, and the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol. The demonstration managed to get the Executive to meet in an extraordinary way on November 1st holiday. After this extraordinary meeting, the head of government called meetings behind closed doors with the different parliamentary groups to try to reach broad consensus to solve the

the keys

- DenunciAND calls on citizens to protest at the doors of the General Council while the State debate on housing is being held next Thursday, November 16th.
- The anonymous platform calls on the population to make a demonstration that hinders the functionality of the country's road through the Purissima long-weekend on December 8th.
- The mobilization on October 31st managed to bring together more than 1,000 citizens, in the capital's Rotonda square, who denounced the increase in house prices.
- The Government met, in an extraordinary way, the day after the Castanyada demonstration and called meetings with all the parliamentary groups to seek consensus.
- Concòrdia convened a
 State debate in the General Council to debate the
 issue in the hemicycle publicly. This space will be
 used by DenunciAND to
- The Research and Innovation Area (ARI) has collected data in its observatories that indicate that housing is the main concern of the citizens of the Principality.

housing problem, within the framework of the pending approval of the law on stimulus measures for the real estate market and foreign investment in this area. Likewise, Concòrdia convened a State debate at the General Council in parallel to deal with this case in a public manner as a matter of urgency for next Thursday, November 16th.

This will be the space that DenunciAND will take advantage of to continue calling for mobilizations that increase the pressure on the political class, protesting the increases in rental prices and demanding, in a multitudinous and media way, effective and quick solutions for the resolution of the problem that most worries the country's population, according to the data collected by the studies of the Research and Innovation Area (ARI).

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Presentation of candidacies



Units per Ordino bets to stop the proposal of the **Grifols laboratory**

X'Ordino, Andorra Endavant and the PS form a coalition





he coalition of the opposition parties in Ordino is already a reality. Units per Ordino lands firmly in the political prism of the country, with its eyes already set on the municipal elections that respond to a clear and direct objective: ending the eight consecutive years of the Democrats' mandate in the Ordino parish. X'Ordino, Andorra Endavant and the Social Democratic Party join forces to face this goal, with Enric Dolsa at the head of the formation as a candidate to revalidate the position of consul major that he already held in the legislatures between the year 2000 and in 2008. Next to the leader of X'Ordino and current councilor of the Muncicipality of Ordino will be Jordina Bringué, who aspires to occupy the position of junior consul, and the social democrat Jean-Michel Armengol.

All three made their candidacy official last friday morning, around 09.30, through the presentation of the list of names that gives the start to a race against the clock until next December 17th. A race in which the arrival of the Grifols P3 laboratory in the parish is undoubtedly the «star issue», as Dolsa took it upon himself to affirm: «I propose these elections in favor of Ordino, never against nothing, but it is clear that there is a star theme, the P3 laboratory in Prat de la Farga». And it Units per Ordino is hoping to ma-

is that, despite mentioning on several occasions that these elections are not about a fight for or against Grifols, the candidate for consul major said it very clear that «we are convinced that if anyone can stop this downfall it is us and not anyone else, through a popular consultation».

Grifols will not, however, be the only key issue that Units per Ordino coalition wants to put on the table. The creation of a sustainable urban planning plan is one of the maxims with which Dolsa and company want to work, this being precisely one of the reasons that have motivated the union of their political forces. «It has been difficult to bring all the parts together, but there are many things that unite us, such as the issue of the P3 laboratory, or a very important one such as the Urbanism Plan», indicated Dolsa. According to him, the creation of a plan that passes through more sustainable capitals responds, especially, to what has happened in the last four years in the parish: «Everything that has been built throughout this time and that still remains to building has made the Ordino that we are used to seeing be very spoiled.» The solution to this is clear for the current Councilor of the Municipalities. «We must sit at the table and work with the relevant teams to draw up an urban plan where growth is sustained and not like in recent years, where it has only been 11 or 12%».

Nevertheless, Dolsa is hopeful. And no wonder, because the expectations are good: «Since there are only two candidacies that we present, it is clear that there are many more chances of winning», he affirmed, emphasizing that, despite the fact that one of the two candidatures will have the absolute majority and will be endorsed by the people,



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▶▶ Enric Dolsa and Jordina Bringué, at the presentation of the list of Units per Ordino.

ENRIC DOLSA CANDIDATE FOR CONSUL

«We are convinced that if anyone can stop the decline of Grífols, it is us, through a popular consultation»

MARIA DEL MAR COMA CANDIDATE FOR CONSUL

«We want to emphasize the quality of life, the well-being of people and issues that affect the management of the

ke a good program and that people

Democrats WORK for the quality of life/The political force still prevailing in the Ordino parish also presented its list for the December elections last friday. Maria del Mar Coma and Eduard Betriu, after having been part of the Municipality for the last four years as councilors, head Acció Comunal d'Ordino + Democrats + Progressives SDP + Independents, with the aim and desire to become consul major and minor consul, respectively, in just over 30 days. Coma detailed that the main challenges to be met during this next legislature will be «controlling urban growth and guaranteeing the quality of life and well-being of the residents of the parish», although the focus seems to go much further. This is what the candidate for consul major referred to, assuring that «we want to emphasize the quality of life and the well-being of people». A well-being that, according to Coma, is due, for example, to the fact that the municipal body is closer to Andorran citizens than the Gover-

Again, the «star issue» reappeared to demonstrate, once again, that it will be the key issue throughout these weeks of the election campaign. And Maria del Mar Coma knows it. Or at least, this is what she demonstrates with her words: «I am fully aware that both the fact of having governed during the last mandates and also being the promoters of the Grifols P3 laboratory can take its toll on us.» However, the still councilor of the Municipalities made it very clear that «I would not like the campaign to focus on this issue or for it to become a plebiscite», once again calling for putting the electoral prism to the people of the parish: «It is preferable to talk about other issues that do affect the management of the town and the people who live in it», as well as «giving them the importance they deserve, services and the quality of life, not just to a specific project». It remains to be seen if this will actually be fulfilled or if, on the contrary, Grifols will make an appearance again sooner rather than later. **≡**

UNITS PER ORDINO



DOLSA

Jordina BRINGUÉ

3. Jean-Michel Armengol 4. Edgar Pujal

5. Nuria Fius 6. Josep Xavier Jimenez

7. Pere Mas 8. Josep Maria Font 9. Marlène Maldonado 10. Merce Ubach

SUBSTITUTES

1. Marcel Bellosta 2. Pilar Solsona

Ma del Mar **COMA**



BETRIU

3. Àlex Gaspà 4. Mònica Armengol 5. Jordi Serracanta

6. Ludovic Albós

ACCIÓ COMUNAL D'ORDINO + DEMÒCRATES + SDP + INDEPENDENTS

7. Meritxell Rabadà 8. Cristina Montolio 9. Carolina Gómez 10. Emilie Brial

SUBSTITUTES

1. Sergi Amat 2. Antoni Fillet