



Oath charges ▶ Ordino, Andorra la Vella and Sant Julià de Lòria

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The new councilors of the Municipality of Ordino took the oath and took office

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The newly elected councilors of the Municipality of Ordino took the oath of office last Friday, on a day marked by suspicions of anomalies surrounding the judicial vote. The candidate of Units per Ordino, Enric Dolsa, stated that after the Electoral Board denied him the demand to make a recount of the judicial vote, from Units per Ordino they will reach the end of the situation: «If it is necessary to reach Strasbourg, we will get there».

In subsequent statements to the Municipal Council, Dolsa asserted that «they don't believe the electoral results either and that is already significant enough», and he pointed

The councilor assures that the important thing is not the position, but democracy and the will of the voters

out that there were many points that were in his favor: «The civil war within the Municipalities, the Grifols issue...». Dolsa also assured that his family observed irregularities when going to vote in Batllia, as some were made to sign the judicial envelope from the front and others from the back.

Faced with the possibility that the electoral procedure was irregular, the councilor decided to go to the Electoral Board to demand «clarity» and «transparency». The candidate stated that in the face of any doubts about the democracy of an election, there should be total transparency, and he assured that it is not a matter of being consul or not: «The position is not important. Democracy and the will of the electorate are valued here through their vote.»

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▶ The councilor of Ordino, Enric Dolsa, during the oath of office.

ENRIC DOLSA
CANDIDATE FOR UNITS PER ORDINO

«The position is not important. Here, democracy and the will of the electorate are valued through their vote»

«Despite the suspicions of the judicial vote, from Units per Ordino we have decided to take the oath of office out of respect for the voters»

cial vote, the Units per Ordino candidate decided to take the oath of office, «out of respect for the electorate». Dolsa assured that «we do not feel like losers» of the elections, and pointed out that they even considered not going to take the oath of office, but they came to the conclusion that the citizens of Ordino «did not deserve this controversy». Of course, Dolsa pointed out that until they are allowed to see the judicial envelopes, «our candidacy believes that those who will govern Ordino from day 1 are not legitimized to be able to do so».

On the other hand, the outgoing senior consul of Ordino, Josep Àngel Mortés, showed respect for Dolsa's position, stating that «it is very legitimate that if someone is in doubt, he

should take the actions he thinks he has to do at the Electoral Board».

The session held in the Municipal Council room began with the swearing-in ceremony of the municipal councilors, who assumed their responsibilities in front of the outgoing consul. Next, the election of the new Consul Major Maria del Mar Coma proceeded. Eduard Betriu Lizarte was also elected as junior consul, Àlex Gaspà Bringeret as senior councilor, Mònica Armengol Prats as junior councilor, and Jordi Serracanta Marcet, who was elected as captain. The corporation as directors is completed with Ludovic Albós Cavalière, Meritxell Rabadà Duque, Cristina Montolio Guasch; and Enric Dolsa Font and Jordina Bringué Alonso at the head of the opposition. ≡

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Astrié passes the baton of Consul Major to González with cordiality

Canturri votes against the appointment of the leader of Enclar

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Last Friday's traditional session at the Municipality of Andorra la Vella focused on the swearing-in ceremony of the capital's new councilors and consuls. Based on the results of the municipal elections of 17D, where the Enclar coalition defeated the candidacy of Democrats + SDP Progressives + Independents, the one who has been Consul Major of Andorra la Vella for the last eight months, David Astrié, appointed who will be his successor from January 1st and candidate who won the elections, Sergi González, in an act where the most outstanding aspect was the vote for consul major of González, where he received the vote against of the outgoing minor consul, Miquel Canturri, who broke the abstention enacted by Astrié and the other democrat, Rosa Maria Sabater, in this and the other votes for the positions of the Municipality of the capital.

The recently appointed consul major of the capital, Sergi González, declared after taking the oath of office that «the first priority will be to sit in the office and start talking to all the heads of services, heads of areas and directors of the corporation to see which places we have open



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►► The incoming Consul Major of the capital, Sergi González, being appointed by the outgoing Consul Major, David Astrié.

Canturri votes 'no' to González for consul major, while Astrié and Sabater abstain

and to start planning all the proposals we will bring within our program. (We arrive with) a lot of desire and excitement to start already and to arrive on January 2nd, where he will take up his duties as consul ma-

major in a practical way. González referred to his transition with Astrié and how the relationship with the minority will be, explaining that «we held a previous meeting to find out which files or what there was to burn. I think that in the end, as the outgoing consul said, we all want the best for the parish. Then, I think we won't win anyone if we hide and don't say things or if we don't make a good transfer. Therefore, we are open and want to listen, as

we want to make them participants and work side by side.»

During his last speech as Consul Major of the capital, Astrié wished «the best of successes, because we all have one goal, to work hard for Andorra la Vella». Likewise, Astrié explained some of the initiatives and projects that have been carried out during the two mandates where the Democrats have held the power of the capital, which have made «An Andorra la Vella bet-



SERGI GONZÁLEZ
INCOMING CONSUL GENERAL

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DAVID ASTRIÉ
OUTGOING CONSUL MAJOR

«We wish the greatest of successes because we all have a common goal, to work hard for Andorra la Vella»

ter than eight years ago, with important improvements in the social and urban areas», as he stipulated. The outgoing consul mentioned parts of his legacy as the expansion of pedestrian zones, greater sustainability, the free communal bus, a 13% reduction in the carbon footprint, the increase of open shops from 1,300 in the last year or the reduction of the municipal debt from 42 million euros to 16. Likewise, Astrié thanked the work and rigor shown during the last two legislatures of the officials.

In subsequent statements, the democrat declared that the current pending priorities of the Municipalities are to «approve public price ordinances and tax ordinances, which is a step before approving the budget ordinance.» Astrié reminded González of this task in a meeting they had together a few days ago, where the outgoing consul «I have not recommended anything to him. I told him what to do when there are urgent things». ≡

Sustainability, Cairat's main challenge as Consul Major

He and the new councilors took the oath of office last Friday in the Casa Comuna

MARIA LOZANO
SANT JULIÀ DE LÒRIA

Cerni Cairat was sworn in as consul major of Sant Julià de Lòria the day before yesterday during the traditional session of Holy Innocents' Day, together with his right hand and already minor consul of the parish, Sofia Cortesao. And it is that minutes after taking the oath of office, Cairat made his first speech as consul: «It is a pride to work for this parish», he commented while adding that «the vote of confidence given to us by the Lauridian population implies a great responsibility», and thanking his entire team: «In politics, a single person goes nowhere, so I express the gratitude that the people who have been part of the candidacy deserve». In ad-

dition, in his speech, the new consul emphasized the importance of economic revitalization, the growth of the university town and the problem of housing. For his part, the former consul major, Josep Majoral, emphasized the importance of the day for «all the parties that enter and that leave», noting that in the past candidacy «we have been able to work for the people, thanking the whole Municipality and even to the public during difficult times such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the fire at the Cultural Center». And it is that in the statements to the media after the event, the new consul major explained that in this candidacy they want to bet on sustainable urban growth in Sant Julià de Lòria, in addition to improving the working climate of the administration. Continuing with Mayoral's speech, Cairat also explained that priority will be given to the commissioning of the parish's Cultural and Congress Cen-



CERNI CAIRAT
CONSUL MAJOR OF SANT JULIÀ DE LÒRIA

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JOSEP MAJORAL
FORMER CONSUL MAJOR

«I will lead a constructive opposition, in which we will try to contribute the points of our program»



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►► Cerni Cairat promises the position as Consul Major of Sant Julià de Lòria.

tre. Thus, he remarked that «in the coming years we will face a climate energy», while adding that from Sant Julià de Lòria «we must try to contribute to provide solutions». In addition, he added that «work is already underway on the configuration of the commissions and, at the same time, on the transfer of information with the former majority» On the other hand, Mayoral recalled the pandemic and the fire: «These are the moments that we have lived with the most intensity and in which everyone has been by the corporation's side». With regard to the new mandate and the result of the elections, he remarked that «I have assumed it from minute zero, so I will lead a constructive opposition, in which we will try to contribute the points of our program and we will continue working with transparency and explaining our approaches so that they reach our citizens».

Apart from the swearing in of the new consuls and the rest of the councilors, the new corporation of Sant Julià de Lòria has also decided on the appointment of Teresa Areny as senior counselor, and that of Joan Malea as junior counselor. ≡