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AMENDMENTS TO THE OMNIBUS LAW

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Cerni Escalé

CONCÒRDIA PRESIDENT

«The Omnibus Law hides two sides: a risky system due to empty apartments and a possibility marked by the immigration law»

Pol Bartolomé

GENERAL COUNSEL

«The government has attracted a whole wave of immigrants by granting residence permits everywhere. This has raised prices»

The appearance of the Concòrdia parliamentary group in the press room of the General Council.

Bartolomé: «Speculation on real estate tax cannot continue»

Concòrdia advocates for «reasonable» population growth and limiting foreign investment

PARIS MAMEGHANI
ANDORRA LA VELLA

Putting an end to the game of speculation by foreign investment, as well as stopping the «uncontrolled» arrival of displaced workers and passive residents in the country and reserving places for people with Andorran nationality, are the big changes that Concòrdia stipulates in its principle of demographic sustainability and the right to housing. It is about the set of amendments that the parliamentary group led by Cerni Escalé plans to present to deal with the new propo-

sal for the Omnibus Law that Es-pot labeled as the «roadmap to be followed» by the Government in the coming years.

For this reason, the president of the formation of Concòrdia, together with councilor Pol Bartolomé, sat last Tuesday in the press room of the General Council to clarify the points that want to be touched up in the Bill. In fact, the first thing that Escalé clarified is that they will take advantage of this extension to face the deadlines and add other amendments, and at the same time, discard the amendment in its entirety, despite having

«strongly altered» some of the adjustments for the modification of the Omnibus Law. Regarding the amendments, Escalé revealed that «they were very surprised that this was the roadmap that the Government plans to follow», which for Concòrdia has two sides, since it presents a very risky system for empty flats and tourist use and a marked possibility for foreign investment and immigration law. «We don't just want to solve the crisis we've been experiencing for years, but also prevent future ones», pointed out the head of the opposition. Bartolomé followed the sa-

me line, adding that Concòrdia will address a principle of demographic sustainability to reduce and better control the entry of immigrants, whom «the Government has attracted by granting residence permits everywhere» and being one of the main causes of the 'increase in housing prices and the demographic increase in passive residents.

Another of the issues that the parliamentary group led by Escalé will deal with will be to carry out a control on real estate tax, so that the buyer of more than one property must pay 15% of the tax on the profit. ●

INFRASTRUCTURES

Build an independent access, the solution of the neighbors of the Ròdol building

The meeting with the SAAS still leaves the dilemma of including «a public space in a private one»

PARIS MAMEGHANI
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY

«This is not a consultation building, even if some people think so. We don't think the outpatient center is bad, but our rights to privacy must be respected.» These are the words of the president of the community of residents of the Ròdol building, Manuel González, who assessed last Tuesday for EL PERIÒDIC how Monday's meeting with the Andorran Health Care Service (SAAS) went. In this sense, González detailed that it was agreed in a previous meeting with the Minister of Health that a technical assembly should be scheduled to decide certain aspects. «Yesterday it was explained a little about what the project was. We moved that it seemed very good to us, but that they are asking us to put a public space in a private place, in a neighbor's property whose privacy must be respected», said the person in charge.



The Ròdol building, located on Josep Viladomat street in Escaldes-Engordany.

MANUEL GONZÁLEZ

PRESIDENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

«SAAS has explained the project to us, and we don't think it's bad. The problem is that they are not respecting our privacy as a home»

«We want to exploit two areas of the building: one does not affect us, the part relating to the bank, but the one on the first floor affect the entrance and the hall and the stairs»

Going into detail, González explained that the problem is not in the typology of the center, which they defend with mental health as in any other area, but that «not even Crèdit Andorrà can do what it wants because this building has some owners», he clarified. On this issue, he detailed that there are two areas in the building that are to be exploited: one that is on the -1 floor, which does not affect the neighborhood because it does not go directly through the monetary part, and another that is on the first floor which «affect the entrance and the hall and the stairs». The point of conflict.

In addition, as the president of the community argued, «they are not stigmatizing patients, but they want to locate a public service in a place that is not a consultation, but a residential building», he recalled. «It is quite feasible to build an independent access for this domain, he mentioned, while indicating that no one is listening to them. ●

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