



## The Municipality of Ordino loses the Grifols popular enquiry

PS-X'Ordino and Andorra Endavant add up more votes than DA

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After tight elections in the Ordino parish, the votes of PS-X'Ordino and Andorra Endavant add up to more than DA, despite the orange victory in the parish. The two options, which have campaigned against the P3 laboratory that the Catalan company wants to build in Prat de la Farga, have won more votes than the formation led by Coma and Codina. The candidacy of Jean Michel Armengol and Pere Mas was very close for many moments of the Democrats' vote count, but finally, in the last 20% of the vote, the votes went in favor of the orange party. Despite this, the candidacy of Andorra Endavant, headed by Jordina Bringué and Eva Font, still not competing at any point during the scrutiny for

victory, obtained 235 votes. A number that, added to the 528 votes of PS and X'Ordino, exceeds the 585 votes collected by Democrats, Municipal Action and Liberals. From this result, a rejection of the Grifols project follows, since the two options they have offered in their electoral program, a refusal of the P3 laboratory towards the alternative that defends the idea of building this and is participative, from the national Government and the Municipality of Ordino, in the process of bringing Grifols to the parish of Ordino and Andorra.

The elections in Ordino were very tight at multiple times, which did not produce a winner until the last minute. In the morning, the PS and X'Ordino candidates, Jean Michel Armengol and Pere Mas, went to the polls to cast their vote in this general election. They were accompanied by the councilor of the Municipality of Ordino, Enric Dolsa, the alternates of the candidacy, Núria Fius and Bea Litago, and the social democrat Maria De La O. The candidates greeted other citizens who, like them, had come to participate at «the party of democracy», as Mas said in some statements. The X'Ordino candidate described yesterday as a «day of celebration», declaring that, after casting his vote in the ballot box, «Whatever is for the good of Andorra.» Likewise, Armengol ma-



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de a post-event analysis of the campaign, where the social democrat highlighted «the social fracture that exists in Andorra, the two Andorras that are developing in parallel». In addition, Armengol commented on the fact that these elections have coincided with a holiday like yesterday and the impact it could have had on participation. Armengol declared that «I think that due to calling these elections on Palm Sunday, it also has an impact on many people and has preferred to make a judicial vote to ensure that they can leave peacefully».

The irruption of the party led by Carine Montaner and its candidacy for the parish of Ordino, headed by Jordina Bringué and Eva Font, has been able to harm the coalition of PS and X'Ordino, dividing the vote against the P3 laboratory project of Grifols, since with the votes obtained by Bringué and Font, they could have awarded victory to Armengol and Mas by a wide margin. The sum of the votes of the two formations would be equal to 763 votes, surpassing the votes collected by Coma and Codina by 178 votes. The appearance of the list of Andorra Endavant, a party which, according to its candidate, was competing against two formations with much more experience in the political scene of the parish and national, has damaged a possible victory of the social democrats by dividing the vote in against in the laboratory P3. In the count of yesterday's scrutiny, Andorra Endavant did not come close to being able to win the territorial dispute at any point in the count, while the coalition of PS and X'Ordino was very close on several occasions to overcome to Democrats for Andorra, which has taken advantage of Andorra Endavant's participation to achieve victory. ≡



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► Above, Jean Michel Armengol going to the polls. Below, Pere Mas after having made his vote.



«If there had been two lists, we could have obtained the first position in Ordino»

Jean Michel Armengol  
PS CANDIDATE

«The topic of the immunology research laboratory has been something hard for Ordino»

Bernadeta Coma  
DA CANDIDATE

«This third candidacy has hurt us and made us lose»

«It was very difficult to compete with both parties because they have many years of experience and work»

Jordina Bringué  
ANDORRA ENDAVANT CANDIDATE

### the anecdote

#### MONTANER CAUSES THE OPPOSITE EFFECT WITH GRIFOLS, MAKING DA PARTY

Carine Montaner presented her candidacy in the parish of Ordino, led by Jordina Bringué and Eva Font, with the aim of overturning the project of the Grifols P3 laboratory. The purpose shared with a coalition with more experience and history in the political and electoral scene of Ordino, such as the candidacy of PS and X'Ordino. From the first votes that have been counted for the scrutiny, it has been possible to verify that Andorra Endavant would not compete for victory during these 2023 electi-

ons, always being very far from PS-X'Ordino and DA. In this scenario, Andorra Endavant has captured some votes that could have reached the social democratic coalition and awarded the parish victory to Armengol and Mas. But it has not been so, since the vote against Grifols has been divided between a coalition that was very close for many moments of the scrutiny to achieving victory, and with a party that has not reached even half of votes than the Democrats' candidacy.

# The NO vote in Grifols, divided but majority

The social democratic coalition was 57 votes short of DA

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During their campaign, Armengol and Mas criticized the project promoted by Democrats in the parish from several points of view. The first would be the health risk posed by a P3 laboratory. The social democratic campaign has highlighted the danger that resides in having a center that works with bacteria of high health risk nearby, in addition to the existing possibility of bacteriological leakage that would endanger the people who lived close to this center and the image that this type of laboratories gives, which could cause the rejection of new inhabitants to come and live in the country. In addition, it must be emphasized that the site chosen for the construction is El Prat de la Farga, a location that is very close to the Ordino Biosphere Reserve. This title was awarded by UNESCO in recognition of the land as a space of high ecological, biological and cultural interest in the international arena. For this reason, PS and X'Ordino criticized the paradox of a P3 laboratory, with the characteristics already mentioned, being built on a land close to a territory protected for its biodiversity.

In addition, the negotiation and awarding of the project to Grifols has also been one of the many complaints from the coalition of PS and X'Ordino. Firstly, the social democrats highlighted, during their campaign, the absence of a public tender to offer greater transparency in the awarding of the project to the Grifols company, in addition to harming the options of other companies that they could have submitted a more attractive candidacy for the parish and for Andorra. Likewise, Armengol and Mas also denounced the excessive facilities that the



►► Armengol and Mas, waiting to make their vote.

Government of DA and the Municipality of Ordino led by Consul Mortés, have given to Grifols, to install a P3 laboratory in the corner of the biosphere reserve. Among the facilities, Armengol and Mas denounced during the electoral campaign, several lacks of transparency about the project. For example, during the multiple debates of this campaign, the democrat Coma corrected Armengol when he stated that

the public investment that would be made for which Grifols installed its laboratory would be 20 million. Coma corrected Armengol and clarified that, finally, it would be 36 million public investment that the Government would make, so that the P3 laboratory is a reality in Ordino.

Finally, the results of these elections leave a message that goes against the center of Grifols. ≡

## reactions

### BERNADETA COMA DA



The Democratic candidate was relieved by the narrow gap between her party and the PS-X'Ordino coalition during much of the vote count, declaring that «the issue of the immunology research laboratory was hard».

### J.M.ARMENGOL PS-X'ORDINO



The number one of the coalition of PS and X'Ordino thanked the support shown by the voters despite not achieving victory, and regretted the division of the vote against the project of the P3 laboratory of Grifols, declaring «If there were two lists, we could have won the victory».

## NATIONAL

Candidacy	Votes	%
▶ Liberals	57	4.08%
▶ CONCÒRDIA	373	26.70%
▶ DEMÒCRATES	415	29.71%
▶ ACCIÓ	34	2.43%
▶ ANDORRA ENDAVANT	199	14.24%
▶ PS	319	22.83%

## ORDINO



**2023 CENSUS**  
1,903 voters  
**PARTICIPATION**  
76.24%  
1,451 votes

**2019 CENS**  
1,753 voters  
**PARTICIPATION**  
77.80 %  
1,364 votes

VALID VOTES

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**24**

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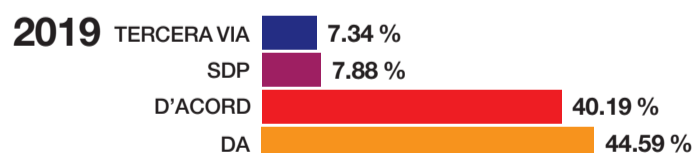
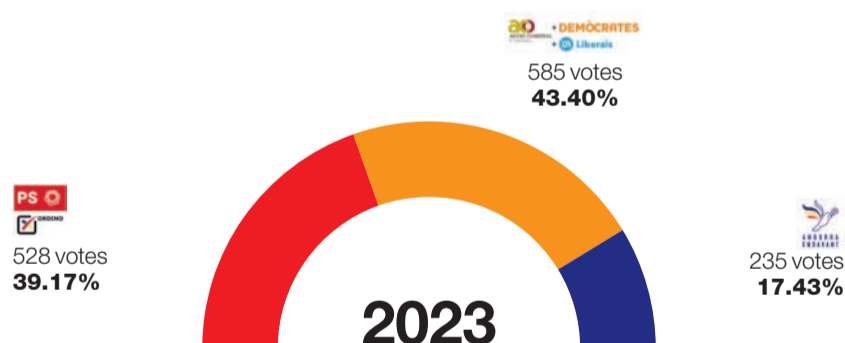


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