



POLITICS

Pere López resigns

The social democrat will not sit in his seat as elected general councilor after the 2A

The PS will hold a congress on May 20th where it will decide its new leader and evaluate the results

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The one who was the candidate of the Social Democratic Party for the last general elections, Pere López, after the results of these, where his party obtained 3 seats, announced last Wednesday in a press conference, accompanied by the first secretary of the party, Gerard Alís, his resignation as elected general counsel, a position that will be occupied by Pere Baró. López explained that his resignation is explained in such a way that, after the results of the 2A, «my energy for such an important task as representing the Andorran people is absolutely zero». The social democrat declared that he does not want to occupy a position for the simple fact of occupying the functions of it, and he understood that the option of resigning the seat was the most honest to face this beginning of the legislature for the party, as he explained. The until now leader of the PS made an amendment to his career in politics and the party, which he qualifies as satisfactory and long, where he specified that he has given the maximum throughout his political journey, having held positions as a municipal councilor, government minister and general counsel, as well as representing Andorra in the parliamentary assembly of the OSCE and the Council of Europe. Likewise, he felt honored by the positions he has been developing within the Social Democratic Party. López wished that his step aside would serve so that another person «can really contribute what is required of a position as important as being General Counsel», since «right now, it is impossible for me after Sunday's results» and «it's what I need on a personal level.» The social democrat ended his speech by thanking his family, the people with whom he has agreed in the PS and his voters throughout all these years, in addition to wishing him to start a new stage



► Gerard Alís and Pere López, during the press conference.

in the Social Democratic Party and in his own life.

Both Alís and López stressed that this resignation comes from a personal decision by López and not from a demand from the PS Managerial Committee. Alís emphasized that a party congress will be held on May 20th and that, until then, López will continue to act as president of the Social Democratic Party to ensure the continuity of the project until May 20th. During the press conference, multiple questions were asked about possible candidates to replace Pere López, but the social democrats did not want to mention possible candidates, nor they have been able to produce an incisive and deep analysis of the results of the 2A, since «they have only three days passed» since the elections. Nor they were able to clarify



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PRESIDENT OF THE PS

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whether there is a possibility of the return of former members of the party such as Padreny or Gili, who left the red structure some time ago, although López admitted that the abandonment of some of these former members «circumstances that they are never positive and the voter often penalizes them». Likewise, López clarified that the relationship with SDP Progressists, the party with which they contested last Sunday's general elections, will be one of the topics to be discussed at the next social democratic congress on May 20th.

Pere Baró will be López's substitute in the General Council. Baró is number four on the national list of PS SDP+ for the 2A and current secretary of the organization of the party. He is a trained communicator and works as a commercial manager at Andorra Telecom. ≡

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GASTRONOMY

The Easter cake: a tradition to enjoy as a family

The godparents are in charge of giving the cake or the chocolate figure to their godchildren

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The monkey is not always dressed in silk, she is also dressed in chocolate. And, just a few days before the celebration of Easter, children and adults alike are eagerly waiting for their godparents to give them the Easter cake (Mona). This cake is the perfect excuse to get together with the family and celebrate before discovering, together, the decoration of the cake.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This Christian holiday is sweetened with Easter sweets. The name «mona» comes from munna, an Arabic word that means «provision of the mout», and is a gift given by Muslims.

Originally, the ancient Christians had the custom of blessing the eggs they collected from Ash Wednesday and kept them to give as gifts on Easter Day. Over the years, pastry chefs began to prepare the sweet in the form of a pastry, made with eggs and flour.

The tradition has centuries of history, although it has evolved over the years. The first Easter cake date from the 14th century in Catalonia, Valencia and Murcia and, in the 20th century, the recipe was changed by adding hard-boiled eggs with the painted shell. Later, a chocolate egg was included to decorate the cake. The number of eggs was given by the age of the boy or girl to whom the cake was given. There were as many eggs in the cake as the age of the recipient. This tradition was maintained until the first communion. Although we now know the mona with chocolate, it was not always like this, this is a modern addition introduced by the Barcelona pastry chef, Lluís Santapau in 1930.

Today, the Easter cakes are made with a base of gingerbread, butter and chocolate, most decorated with eggs, chocolate figures, plumes and candied fruit. And there is not only the cake, but the godparents also give figures in the form of cartoon characters, animals, shields of football teams or athletes.

In Andorra, no godchild wants to be without his Easter bunny. From the Fleca Font, they explain that even though people have be-

en asking them for a few days if they have sweets, they wait until the last minute to buy them. In fact, most godfathers «buy them between Sunday and Monday, traditionally, Sunday is the day when most cake are sold».

Both at the Fleca Font of Andorra la Vella and the one in Ordino, you can find the classic Easter cakes in various flavors such as «butter, cream, chocolate and fruit», but they also make them on demand. In fact, from the bakery, they joke that «if someone asks us for a three-story cake, we'll make it for them too.»

It is to enter these days and fall in love with the smell, no longer of the bread as usual but of the ca-

The boys and girls wait eagerly for their godparents to give them the Easter cake

Goodparents usually wait until the last minute to buy the cakes. The strong day is usually Sunday

At Fleca Font they have the cute classics, but they also make them on demand for all tastes

kes that, closing your eyes, transport you back to childhood. Because Easter cakes are famous for being the gift from godfathers to the little ones, but when it comes to chocolate, everyone wants to be small and we all want our cake.

The children's excitement on this day is comparable to that of the Three Kings night. The excitement and intrigue of what they will have brought you or, in this case, what the baby will be, is a feeling shared by godparents and godchildren. ≡



►► Images of the Easter cakes that can be found these days at Fleca Font.