



POLITICS

Toni Puig leaves Liberals of Andorra disappointed with the treatment received

The President of Young Liberals and Secretary of International Relations leaves the post and resigns from the party

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The current President of the Young Liberals and Secretary of International Relations of Andorra's Liberals, Toni Puig, submitted his resignation last Tuesday and also requested his resignation as a member of the party.

Puig reprimands the attitude of certain members of the party, leaving him aside on many occasions and «putting «new values» ahead of the lists or giving them greater confidence than the usual militants». A few weeks ago, in statements to EL PERIÒDIC, the ex-liberal wanted to take a step forward and made himself available to the party to take on a position of greater responsibility within the executive, which the party did not accept has taken into account «for the many hours of dedication, work and commitment»



Toni Puig

FORMER MEMBER OF LIBERALS

«In recent months there have been certain statements missing the truth from those who are the visible faces of the party»

«For many hours of dedication, work and commitment, new values always appear that occupy better places on the lists»

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he has devoted to it.

He explains it through a statement published on his social networks where he details that «it was not an easy decision, but I made it in a very deliberate way and after talking with my partner and my circle of friends and family» and continued to emphasize that «I have always been active in politics, always within the Liberal party and for many years». Toni Puig says goodbye to the Liberals stressing that «I have always worked for the party, I have always helped in everything I could, contributing my commitment, my time, doing it in the best way possible and above all working for the good of Andorra».

In the press release, he recalls the campaign for the election of Albert Pintat in 2005, a time when he started in the party, but explaining that

he mainly mobilized when he returned to Andorra after finishing his university studies in 2013. The article continues, highlighting that «these last eight years I have experienced very good moments, such as the entry as the main group of the opposition in the general elections of 2015, the refoundation of the Young Liberals of Andorra and its back in international organizations». It also highlights the victory in the 2019 elections and having managed to work on a document such as the Youth Agreement proposal, unanimously approved by the General Council in the previous legislature.

The ex-liberal, who assures that he «doesn't want to be an obstacle for anyone», plans to take some time and then decide which path to take from now on. ≡



Today I have submitted my resignation from the positions of Secretary of International Relations of Liberals of Andorra as well as that of President of the Young Liberals of Andorra and at the same time I have also requested my termination of membership.

It has not been an easy decision, but I have made it very thoughtfully and after talking to my partner and my circle of friends and family. I have always been active in politics, always within the Liberal Party for many years.

I remember, and I remember very well, that I already campaigned for the collection of Albert Pintat in 2005, but above all I mobilized much more when I returned from Andorra after my university studies in 2013.

These last 8 years I have seen very good moments such as being able to enter as the main opposition group in the 2015 general elections, the founding of the Young Liberals of Andorra and its return in the 2019 elections as part of the D'Acord candidacy in the territory of Andorra la Vella and also to have managed to work on a document such as the Youth Agreement proposal that was unanimously approved by the General Council in the previous legislature.

I would also like to thank all colleagues for their trust in holding different positions in this party, first responsible for international relations of the Young Liberals of Andorra (2016-2019), then president of the Young Liberals of Andorra for two terms (2019-2023) and finally secretary of international relations of Liberals of Andorra (2021-2023).

Many thanks to all my liberal friends around the world and for all the good memories and experiences that I lived during this 8 years attending the events of LYMEC, IFLRY, ALDE party and Liberal International.

But not all are good times, especially these last months when certain statements lacking the truth and certain actions of those who are the visible faces of the party have made me see that for many hours of dedication, work and commitment, «new values» always appear from who knows where and that they always end up occupying better places in the lists or having more confidence than the usual militants.

Maybe the problem for some has been me. But what is true is that at no time have I asked for anything in return for my commitment to the party.

I have always worked for the party, I have always helped in everything I could by contributing my commitment, my time, doing it in the best way possible and above all working for the good of Andorra.

For this reason and because I do not want to be a hindrance to anyone, I have made the decision to leave Liberals of Andorra.

►► Notice of his resignation.

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HOUSING

The 42 affordable rental apartments of the Ribasol complex, completed in 2025

The government has acquired the two buildings, owned by the Municipality of la Massana, for a price of 11 million.

10% of the properties will go to young people and 5% to people in a situation of poverty

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▶▶ Visit of the head of government, Espot, the ministers Marsol and Ferré, and the consuls of La Massana, Molné and Sansa, to the Ribasol complex.

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The government has acquired two buildings located in the Ribasol d'Arinsal complex for an amount of 5.5 million euros, with the aim of turning them into affordable rental apartments to move into during the first semester of 2025. The two buildings were until now the property of the Municipality of La Massana, to which another amount of 5.5 million was already paid, and they already have a structure, roof and facades in good condition, only remaining to complete interior finishing works. There will be a total of 42 homes (21 floors for each of the buildings), of about 60 square meters, and all of them will consist of two bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom, as well as a storage room and a parking space. 10% of the properties will go to the country's youth, while another 5% will be for families at risk.

The presentation of the purchase of the properties was led by a visit attended by the Head of Government,

Xavier Espot; the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol; the Minister of Territory and Urban Planning, Raul Ferré; and the consuls of La Massana, Olga Molné and Eva Sansa. During the visit, Espot highlighted the figure of Ribasol as an «example of the Executive's commitment to sustainability», as well as regarding the country's current problems. «From the Government we want to take advantage of an existing building to generate new flats and put them on the rental market», emphasized the president.

For her part, Marsol declared that «we are working very intensively to present the first phase of this housing plan in about 15 days», emphasizing the blocks of Sant Julià de Lòria and of Andorra la Vella, which «can go faster as they require less rehabilitation». However, the idea is to put on the market in the next two years «about 160 or 200 flats at an affordable price and with the corresponding regulations». Regarding the two blocks that were planned to be acquired later due to the exhaustion of the bud-

get, Marsol acknowledged that one of them will not be carried out because «there has been a withdrawal from the owner». The other, on the other hand, is still moving forward and is already preparing to receive the extraordinary credit. In addition, putting on the table the possibility of continuing to expand the purchase of properties in the Principality, Marsol stated

that «for now, the ones we have are sufficient, given that we want to launch other initiatives such as private buildings or public buildings (private)». It is also yet to be decided whether the management of the Ribasol flats will be in charge of the Housing Institute.

Following this line, and asked about the different agreements signed both with the Municipality

of La Massana and the municipalities of Escaldes-Engordany and Andorra la Vella, the Head of Government explained that «all the contractual conditions of the agreements are equally fair and consistent», regardless of the type of assignment. In the case of the Escaldes parish, it was a temporary transfer of the land and where the Government had to «clad the entire building», a situation certainly different from the one experienced with Ribasol. «It must be appreciated that the Municipality of La Massana has paid for the property at a more than reasonable price and this must be rewarded in some way», said Espot.

Some words to which the Consul Major of La Massana, Olga Molné, also wanted to add: «we have preferred not to do business with the complex and thus collaborate with the Government to solve the problem of rents that currently exist in Andorra». It should be remembered that about four years ago there had already been an attempt to hold an auction with the two blocks of buildings, but it ended up not being effective. «Based on the agreement with SETUP365, we had three private individuals interested in them and building tourist flats», explained Molné, despite the fact that in the end «it was decided to give priority to an administration such as the Government». When asked why it was not the municipality itself that took forward the renovation of the complex, the consul declared that «we did not have sufficient capital», adding that «it is also not the competence of a municipality to manage this type of infrastructure».

Finally, Raul Ferré spoke about the current situation of the block of flats in Borda Nova, which will see the excavation completed next month and with the intention of starting construction between the end of July and the beginning of August. «We had a bit of a delay due to problems with the movements of the earth, but the idea is that they will also be available at the beginning of 2025», said Ferré. ≡



XAVIER ESPOT

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

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RAUL FERRÉ

MINISTER OF TERRITORY AND URBAN PLANNING

«Between the end of July and the beginning of August, the construction of the Borda Nova homes will begin»

CONXITA MARSOL

MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY, ECONOMY, WORK AND HOUSING

«We want to put on the market in two years about 160 or 200 flats at an affordable price and with the corresponding regulations».

OLGA MOLNÉ

MAJOR CONSUL OF LA MASSANA

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