



## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

# Quim Dolsa would only appear in the elections next to Gili

The municipality has approved the purchase of a plot for half a million euros

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The current minor consul, Quim Dolsa, stated that it is not yet clear whether he will run in the municipal elections on December 17th, but if he does, it would be with Rosa Gili. The consul stated that he was happy with the fact that the current consul major had asked him to accompany her, and pointed out that «if I go to the elections, I will go with Rosa, I will not accompany anyone else». Weeks before the publication of the final lists of who will present themselves in the municipal elections, Dolsa explained that he still does not have a 100% decision made, since «there are external factors in my private life that at the moment make me answer is still a bit on stand-by».

The junior consul made these statements in the round of questions following last Thursday's Escaldes-Engordany Municipal Council, where the purchase of a plot of land located on Carrer del Barri was approved for a total amount of half a million euros. The purchase proposal, endorsed by the councilors of the minority, will allow the municipality to have a piece of land in a «very dense» area in which there was no property. «We understand that it is a historic opportunity to set up this space», stated the junior consul, Quim Dolsa. «It's a very good opportunity», he pointed out while adding that this land also represents a bet on the future, since it is a buildable land on which, future corporations, will be able to implement any type of equipment. «The next mandate could make a parking lot with surface, a park, or it could continue to be a vegetable garden as it was until now», detailed Quim Dolsa.

Apart from the value of the land itself, which has been bought for an amount lower than the pre-



► Image of the Municipal Council session.

**The plot is 785 square meters and could, in the future, be used for a car park or a park**

vious appraisal (616,805 euros), Quim Dolsa highlighted that over time the area will be expanded taking into account the transfer of the 15% that the owners will have to do as required by law, and also the fact that having this area will ensure its accessibility and establish a connection with the Obac road. For his part, the councilor for Democrats, Miquel Aleix, was in favor, stressing the importance of the municipality having its own land in this space in order to carry out actions in the future and improve connections to the road. «In the future, this plot will be able to improve the connection, so that in the event of any emergency that may arise, people will have an easy way to get out of there. We hope

that the accessibility of the area will improve», said Aleix, while applauding that with this purchase the municipality will have more meters that it can take advantage of in the future.

The councilor also wanted to point out that «when we participate in the commissions and things are discussed with the minority, and we consider that it is in the interest of the public, we have no problem giving our favorable vote». Despite the acquisition of the plot, no action will be taken on the land and it will be the next municipality who takes the appropriate decisions.

During the session, the donation of the plot located next to Rec del Solà was also accepted. The plot has a longitudinal surface of 135



## Quim Dolsa

MINOR CONSUL OF  
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square meters and has an economic valuation of nearly 5,000 euros. For his part, Aleix was in favor of this donation, and advocated that this property be used to expand the irrigation area.

**DIGITAL PLATFORM**// One of the other strong points of the Municipal Council was the contracting of the complete electronic processing management platform from the company T-Systems for an amount of 328,960 euros corresponding to the project proposal and an amount of 20,250 euros which will be allocated to the maintenance of the platform.

Quim Dolsa detailed that this platform will bring improvements in the municipal's electronic procedures, since it will work with a single core and with a single interlocutor, which should make things easier. In addition, «this investment should help us reduce the impact of the carbon footprint and at the same time reduce paper», pointed out the junior consul. Specifically, the program will be put into operation from January 2nd, and will take 12 months to take effect. Regarding maintenance, it is expected to be done by 2025. ≡

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

# Dolsa, Bringué and Armengol, the alternative to DA in Ordino

After days of intense negotiations, they reached an agreement

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Enric Dolsa, Jordina Bringué and Jean Michel Armengol will run in coalition in the next parish electi-

ons in Ordino on December 17th. After intense negotiations, the future candidates came to the conclusion that they had to join forces in order to be able to mount a solid opposition to the policies of Democrats for Andorra (DA) in recent years, such as the case of Grifols. For this reason, the three candidates for the elections decided to go on

the same list of opposition to DA that can build a guarantee project beyond the policies employed by the municipal majority in this last legislature. Enric Dolsa, Jordina Bringué and Jean Michel Armengol will try to change the parish in order to improve it after the passage of the Democrats by the Ordino corporation. ≡



►► Enric Dolsa, Jordina Bringué and Jean Michel Armengol.



CULTURE

# Isidre Bartumeu reviews the evolution of the Principality's institutions

The author presents his latest book, where he talks about the historical development of these

tained the country as a reality that is increasingly differentiated from its surroundings», indicated the notary. In addition, he also addressed the effect that the entry, in the 18th century, of the Bourbon monarchies into Spain and France had, a fact that led «to the denial of the sovereignty of the Principality until the 20th century, when in which Andorra is provided with a Constitution that recognizes it as an independent State». The author took advantage of his speech to highlight some episodes experienced throughout history that have come «to put the Principality on the ropes», such as the two invasion attempts by the Spanish dictator's troops, Francisco Franco, or the situation in 1881 when Spain and France wanted to share out the territory.

In statements to EL PERIÒDIC, and questioned about the possibility of the Principality leaving behind the current political structure to enter a Republic, Bartumeu affirmed that the institutional changes will be «what the Andorran people want», since this «it is sovereign and if it wants to evolve towards another structural form of Government, it will end up doing so». However, what should be seen first, as he highlighted, is «the compatibility when regulating certain rights and whether this is really acceptable for the Catholic Church or not», adding that the public of the country «is self-determining and can decide to equip itself with the structure it considers necessary». Albertí also spoke in this line, who considered that «the Constitution of Andorra will not be complete until the formal integration of the country into the European Union», also emphasizing that the consecration of a Republic «would make the whole Andorran citizenship».

The graduate in constitutional law also had a few words for the country's youngest people, who feel increasingly «further away» from the idea that defines a Principality: «We are in a world of globalization, where more borders are increasingly being erased», attributing Isidre Bartumeu to which the young Andorran «can only learn to love the Principality by studying what the history of our country really is». ≡



► Presentation of Isidre Bartumeu's book, 'The Co-principality of Andorra. Historical evolution and institutional development'.

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The Andorra Park Hotel received the presentation of the book «The Co-principality of Andorra. Historical evolution and institutional development» by the notary and doctor in constitutional law, Isidre Bartumeu. The event was attended by Oriol Rivas, vice-president of Andbank and member of Reig Fundació - in charge of editing the book -; Enoch Albertí, professor of constitutional law at the University of Barcelona, and Juan José López

Burniol, vice-president of Fundació Bancària of la Caixa, as well as several figures from the Executive such as the head of government, Xavier Espot; the general trustee, Carles Ensenyat, or the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol.

During the presentation, Bartumeu explained the role of the Co-Principality in the historical evolution of Andorra's sovereignty from the origin of popular-based institutions until today, with the approval of the Constitution in 1993. «Even if its identity evolution, the Andorran institutions have main-



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NOTARY AND DOCTOR IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

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