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Councilors Jordina Bringué and Enric Dolsa during the 2023 municipal elections.

Bringué and Dolsa take the possible fraud in the Ordino municipal elections to Strasbourg

They insist on reviewing the envelopes to guarantee a fairer process

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ORDINO

The electoral process for the 2023 municipal elections in the Municipality of Ordino continues to generate controversy. The municipal councilor, Jordina Bringué, has reported that an appeal has been filed with the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in Strasbourg for possible irregularities in the ju-

dicial vote. As Bringué explained, the decision was made after a process of analysis and the drafting of a legal report.

Bringué detailed the procedure followed to prepare this report: "We met with the lawyer last week." The councilor has denounced the lack of transparency in the process and has called for more clarity in future elections: "We want everything that happens in the court to be more transparent from now on. We want the vote in the court to be regularized in the next elections, to ensure that the process is carried out properly."

She has also insisted on the

need to review the envelopes to guarantee a fair electoral process: "We ask again why we are being denied access to the envelopes, because not everyone has done the same thing when voting. We need to make the judicial vote more secure."

For his part, the councilor for the minority, Enric Dolsa, has also expressed his concern about the alleged irregularities and has denounced the lack of transparency in the electoral process: "We know for sure that 30 votes are for us, for sure. We have asked the Superior to let us check it and he tells us that it is not possible because the envelopes have

The hourly parking rate disappears at noon

►► The Ordino parish has decided to unanimously approve today in the session of the Municipal Council the abolition of the hourly lunchtime rate for all parking lots between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. An announcement that has been conveyed by the municipal representative, Maria del Mar Coma, adding that it was a proposal that had been sent to them by the residents of the parish «for when they stop for a couple of hours or go to visit someone for lunch». An ordinance that, it is worth saying, will be put into operation from May 1st.

►► Otherwise, it has also been announced during the plenary session of the creation of new purple parking spaces, which will be free and will be located in front of the pharmacy and the CAP and the Casa Pairal. In this sense, the novelty of these spaces is that they are exclusively reserved for pregnant people and people over 65 and, therefore, retirees, «as well as for families with small children and who have difficulty loading carts and for people with reduced mobility». These spaces have been labeled as family areas and can only be used for four hours.

been destroyed.»

Dolsa explained that they have tried to appeal through various channels, but without success: "They denied us the study in the first instance, in the second and third, which we presented to the Constitutional Court, which tells us that nothing can be done." Faced with this situation, the opposition decided to appeal to European bodies: "Now, last Friday we met, we prepared the report and the appeal has already been presented to Strasbourg." Finally, Dolsa concluded that «the municipal elections in Ordino have a clear lack of transparency.» ●

CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE EUROPEAN ANNEX

'Tweaks' in details of immigration and limitation on foreign investment

The Head of Government informs the State Pact on the corroboration of a moderate demographic increase

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A letter sent by the European Commission was made public today by the State Pact on the Association Agreement and brought to the attention of the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, who this Wednesday stated the three main lines that the said letter addresses to diverge and clarify on the aforementioned issue, dealing with relevant issues such as the free movement of people and the possible adaptation that limits the purchase of real estate by foreigners. "It is clear that if Andorra requests this latest modification to the text of the Agreement regarding investment by non-residents, and once its specific committee has been set up and the annex has been made, the European Commission gives full availability so that the measure can be ratified", declared the state rep

So, through a meeting this afternoon that Espot held with the State Pact, he conveyed that due to the concerns that citizens



The meeting held this afternoon between the Head of Government and the Pact of State to transfer the written response.

still express regarding the assimilation of the territory, it has been agreed with the European Commission to publish «certain agreements that were not fully reflected in the text by the an-

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This is the figure that the European Commission has been able to verify of new residence permits issued.

nex». Thus touching on the first line in question, the Head of Government has stated that the system for calculating residence permits provided for in the legislation has been corroborated by the global institution, being 368 new permits, which is equivalent to 7% of the total average that would have been applied in 2023.

In this regard, the president has conveyed that «if the Agreement is applied, and its fit is

well, this clause could adapt the text to the current context in which we find ourselves and would allow us to be more or less restrictive in shaping the number of concessions and respond to demand, since the 368 new authorizations mark the minimum that we can grant», thus dropping that it has not been the excessive growth that some imagined or took for granted.

Otherwise, the letter from the European institution states that Andorra will be able to incorporate an adaptation to limit the acquisition of real estate by non-residents, which is similar to the model supported by Malta as the authority has recalled. «What we will do is transfer this specificity that the national legislation will have and that we remember will be debated on March 6th with the Omnibus Law, to include it in the text and so that there is no contradiction between the two points and they can be in harmony. However, we leave the door open because we do not know if in the future we will have to be more restrictive beyond the purchase of two properties», he said.

Finally, the European Commission has also ratified that the free movement of people will not be able to materialize until two years after the entry into force of the Agreement, so that it will not yet have an impact on any area. ●

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