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**Editorial**

*En esta segunda edición de TEAzone la queridísima Mafalda nos acompaña en la tapa.*

*Sus comentarios –acertados y realistas- sobre la situación política argentina, latinoamericana y mundial de los años '60 y '70 hicieron de ella un personaje "con una inocente falta de inocencia".*

*El 2013 es año de elecciones legislativas en la Argentina y nada mejor que quienes muy pronto van a ejercer de periodistas nos informen sobre los partidos políticos, sus referentes y proyectos en base a entrevistas e investigaciones de campo. Ya lo han dicho: "Pueblo informado, vota mejor".*

*Sin más preámbulos, los invito a transitar las páginas que con tanto esfuerzo hemos creado... TEAzone #2.*

*A leer!!*



Estefanía L. G. Ferreira

# PRO

by ARAYA, Lorena; ARGÜELLO, Andrea and CHEVES, Carla

Propuesta Republicana (PRO), is a Argentina's political party of conservator trend. This emerged from the electoral alliance formed on May 25th, 2005 in Buenos Aires between these political parties: Compromiso Para El Cambio (led by Mauricio Macri), Recrear Para El Crecimiento (led by Ricardo López Murphy) and Partido Federal (led by Francisco Manrique). The initial PRO was created by the publicist Ernesto Savaglio who worked on the party acronym to get full strength impact.

However, Propuesta Republicana was judicially demanded due to intentional plagiarism for using the initials of PRO. The electoral debut of this party happened in the parliamentary elections of 2005. The 33,92% of the votes to Mauricio Macri for occupied the list of member of parliament, also in the elections done the June 3rd, 2007 to select Buenos Aires's government Chief, and 30 deputy and legislators. Despite of this, at national level during the 2007's presidential elections, PRO did not present a candidate for Presidency neither supported others national candidates.

In Mar del Plata the PRO is formed by the local the 5<sup>th</sup> section electoral representative, Emiliano Giri; Guillermo Volponi, PRO local president and Hernán Alcolea, town councillor who supports Mauricio Macri's project.

PRO considers that security is fundamental for the citizens. This party project is to increase the security cameras controlled from the center of monitoring. This initiative pretends to protect places without police service, for example, a bank, a financial or money exchange that using security cameras. In this manner, the police was designated for neighborhoods and private places with public access, for example at the entrance of a shopping.

Protocol to form images. In this treatment, the images were obtained. Then the best ones are accept or not, based in the protocol that was used in Barcelona, Buenos Aires and Luxembourg.

The second part of this proposal is for those people who own a business or commercial enterprise that want the safety of form employees through the installation of security cameras.

Councillor Hernán Alcolea talked about the proposal promoted by Mayor Gustavo Pulti about the new Communal Police. In reference to this, he agrees because "Mauricio Macri made this in Capital Federal and the Metropolitan Police benefice citizens.



"It is very expensive because a cop has the same basic needs as an ordinary person, but he has an extra duty, so he must risk his/her life to protect other people's lives", Alcolea said.

"A possible solution, would be to put an office for a judge into each police station because he authorizes the warrants against any accused so the police can act in consequence", states the councilor. To finish, Alcolea held that "this project will happen in two years but the state funds that Municipality needs will not be ready for that time". Also the local PRO president, Guillermo Volponi, stated that there are two problems:

- 1) The numbers of cameras are insufficient because a 700 thousand resident city cannot be covered with only 30 cameras. For example, in Vicente Lopez which is smaller than Mar del Plata there are more than 200 cameras.
- 2) There is a protocol established by a municipal ordinance in order to have the cameras working well. By doing this, it can be avoided that any film operator could sell the images. Without this protocol, and it is not yet in Mar del Plata, cameras alone are not enough.

The PRO propose a police force, but analyzing Pulti's project, they believe that the moment is unviable. "Firstly, because it demands a larger investment and it needs a very well-studied project. In fact, it is an electoral chance of the Mayor after years without doing anything respect this problem", said Volponi.

The president of PRO demanded that now two months before of the election, Pulti has thought that Mar del Plata has to have a communal police. The PRO has the experience of creating the metropolitan police, which demands a very long time and investment but the city of Buenos Aires can afford it. In Mar del Plata, Pulti is talking of 300 polices which can be covered by raising taxes up to a 16%.

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# GEN: A NEW ALTERNATIVE

by DI PAOLO, Mora; De Battista, Anabella; CUEVA, Alba and PAZ RUSSO, Tatiana

Argentina is living a hard moment in its political history. The fight between the governing party and the opposition are tenser each day and the population is in the middle of it.

In an election year, a lot of voices talk about the lack of proposals, but it is necessary to show citizens that there are people working for a better future for our country.

"Generación para un encuentro Nacional", GEN, is a central left political party. It was created in 2007, when Margarita Stolbizer, member of the national parliament, and other political representative split from the Union Civica Radical. In 2011 the members of the GEN decided to join the FAP (Frente Amplio Progresista), a party founded by Santa Fe ex-governor, Hermes Binner. Together, they gave a strong political alternative to the people obtaining the second place in the presidential poll.

Their slogan: "another look, another politic. It all depends of you", shows that they are the only opposition option for the next election. Allied to the FAP, GEN wants to win not only positions in the provincial parliament but also the presidency in 2015.

Pablo Farias, the most important provincial representative, said: "it is important that the different social sectors feel that they are listened". He believes that it is necessary to have a lot of points of view about different topics to build politics.

Farias's work in Buenos Aires helped GEN with their ideas. The party has three proposals:



- **SUBSIDY REVISION:** The GEN proposes to make a more detailed list of the companies and people that receive economic help from the government in order to avoid the possibility of giving unnecessary subsidies to person or company that don't need them. Also, the fact that the government spends near the 25% of its budget in this subsidies, is causing critical side effects in the economy, such as a growing inflation and a fall in the value of the Argentine peso.
- **RECOGNITION OF THE ABORIGINAL POPULATION'S RIGHTS FOR A MULTI-CULTURAL STATE:** The GEN supports the aboriginal populations recognition, foments their participation, gives them the chance to express their will with freedom and equality.
- **ASSISTED FERTILIZATION PROJECT LAW:** The GEN promotes the access to treatments to those people who need the medical covering in this matter and cannot afford it. It is vital to guarantee the complete access to the procedures and techniques in order to give universal covering to those who suffer fertility problems.

## Glossary:

**City council:** It is the place where the representatives of a city debate about topics that are important for the citizens' lives.

**Progressivism:** favoring or promoting political or social reform through governmental action, or even revolution

**Subsidy revision:** a financial aid supplied by a government, as to industry, for reasons of public welfare, the balance of payments, etc.

**Aboriginal:** existing in a place from the earliest known period; indigenous.

**Assisted fertilization:** to give help or support to population who cannot get pregnant in the usual way.

**Budgetary:** The total amount of money allocated for a specific purpose during a specified period.

The GEN tries to show politics as a tool to reaffirm the democracy, the freedom and the independence. Safety, education, health, dignified work, human rights, a healthy and equal community are the main points that GEN wants to achieve on behalf of honest and cohesive representatives. Ideas and proposals join with speech aspire to solve problems for the Argentinean society. The members of this party believe that the social exclusion is one of the main problems that GEN tries to solve.

## GEN in Mar del Plata

Pablo Farias affirms that the most important challenge is insecurity. About this important topic for the city, Pablo Farias thinks: "it is a long process. Pulti has the tools to solve this problem if he wanted, but time is needed to make something seriously. Also it is necessary to analyze how it is going to co-exist the new police with the actual force. In Capital Federal there are many problems with the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan and the Federal.

The initiative launched by Mayor Gustavo Pulti, lacks any legal and budgetary support in trying to organize a local security armed force. Funding and institutionalizing a hierarchy from the municipality, without modifying the existing legal framework and the subsequent budget transfer creates false expectations.

Martin Carrasco, secretary of GEN in Mar del Plata said that it is a hard work to become the opposition. To do this, in this moment means a big effort. They want to replace the actual government in all the forms through the progressivism and the "Frentismo".

In the city, their principal goal is to win benches in the city council and to be a real strong force against Acción Marplatense.

Carrasco said: "The planning and the development of the ideas can't be like Gustavo Pulti does. He first announces the project and then he plans it. We have to promote the participation of the population to anticipate things before they happen".

Recently the party carried by Margarita Stolbizer, has formed a list with the candidates to councilors and school councilors for General Pueyrredon district towards the next elections. Martín Carrasco, Gabriela Marti Velázquez, Rubén Jal, Laura Celaya y Guillermo Schüttrumpf lead the list in Mar del Plata.



The GEN is looking for a new alternative for the future of Argentina. Being a new party, it is trying to make his own place in the proposal politics. Led by Hermes Binner and Margarita Stolbizer, the GEN has many ideas and projects for the country, the province, and principally the city.

From its headquarters in 3292 Rivadavia St., it proposes open activities to the community in relation with physical welfare and cultural growth. From the GEN, new political figures have worked in a lot of actions that tend to foster citizen participation. That is, for GEN members, the key for a better management.

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# FRENTE NUEVO ENCUENTRO

by DIAZ, Carolina; GIACOBONE, Natalia and ZAMBONI, Victoria

Frente Nuevo Encuentro is a political party that was formed in 2009 as an alliance between the following political parties that supported democracy and equality, like Partido Solidario, Partido Comunista de Argentina and the Movimiento Octubres. The president is Martín Sabbatella, who occupies one of the two provincial seats as a deputy since the last legislative elections.

The political party grows and become established as a national force ready to play a leading role. Because of this growth, they built a group full of debate and militancy. FNE essentially emphasize a new political culture that looks for improving the quality of our democracy.

In Mar del Plata this is a new political party which does not have any councilors yet. The political representative is José Luis Zerillo, a young lawyer, UNMDP faculty of law professor and researcher. Also he was a candidate to become General Pueyrredón mayor.

Nuevo Encuentro has been in Mar del Plata since the beginning of 2009. The first appearance of the political party was in the last election in June that year. Its members are a group of professionals and students of different courses that had been related with politics but without being part of any political party. By the time of this investigation, this group of young politicians does not have a place where to meet, but soon, they will have one. At this moment, this political party has 200 members. The young active membership, especially university students, has grown more and more recently.

Martin Sabbatella was Nuevo Encuentro guide during the first years of activism. The appearance of local and regional figures and the adhesion to the national project led by the Argentinean President, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, helped in the growth of the party.

Equity and democracy are the basis of Frente Nuevo Encuentro, whose number of members have increased and expanded towards an organization called: "Organizados y Solidarios" that is an instrument of political construction. The concept of "La patria es el otro" (meaning: homeland belongs to the other), is the foundation that supports this view of politics.

The electoral project of FNE is complementary to the national one. According to the political representative of

the political party, Jose Luis Zerillo said that if Cristina Fernández de Kirchner considers necessary their participation in the elections, they will run for places. Zerillo said that FNE works to consolidate the national project in Mar del Plata. He also showed his support for the judicial reform carried on a few weeks ago and made clear the need for progress in the Democratization of Justice.

By the very first time, FNE was presented in Mar del Plata during the last elections in the context of the national project which was celebrating its first ten years. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, the main referent, won the election getting 54% of the voting. Moreover, the FNE included two Provincial Deputies to the Chamber of Deputies Buenos Aires, and provided some 550,000 votes in the presidential election. The electoral organization of the Nuevo Encuentro is at the disposal of the national project.

Some of the proposals that this political party have for the legislative election of this year are:

- Suggesting a program to work with children who are outlaws.
- Generating a public system of medical emergency in the city with the creation of the SAME Mar del Plata.
- Creating a center to establish the prices of the market and to define the chain of intermediaries.

They were one of the opposition forces who have decided to support the project of communal police. They are convinced that the Municipal Police is a valid tool for the prevention and suppression of crime. According to Zerillo "the local government has the responsibility to make the police institution function." He explained that those who support the decision to reject the project are expressing their support for Buenos Aires police and their compliance with it.

After the suspension the popular consultation for the creation of the Municipal Police, Zerillo said to the local media that since the proposal was launched, FNE was concerned about the lack of people summoned and added that Mayor Gustavo Pulti acted unwisely and without political agreements that allow political parties to promote an Acuerdo for Seguridad Democrática in Mar del Platat.

"A judgment on a process where the call was made several weeks ago, and which it was broadcast on Friday at 18:00 without the possibility of appealing, creates the need for reflecting on the hidden interests",



José Luis Zerillo. Nuevo Encuentro political representative.



said Jose Luis Zerillo.

FNE added that the program, "Mirar para Cuidar" (caring by looking) will be implemented at Mar del Plata and Batán, to control the price of the five hundred frozen products, by the National Government.

Frente Nuevo Encuentro has headquarters in several locations in the Province of Buenos Aires, for example in

La Plata, Lomas de Zamora, Quilmes, Isidro Casanova, San Miguel, San Isidro and Villa Gesell. It also has some seats outside the territory of the province of Buenos Aires as in the case of Concepción del Uruguay, Rosario, Neuquén, Mendoza, Tucumán y Córdoba.

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# A DIFFERENT PROJECT: ACCION MARPLATENSE

by SILVA, MÓNICA; GUARNIERI, YAMILA AND SOTO, CARINA



“Acción Marplatense” is a political party in the city Mar del Plata, which was founded in 1997 and still continues in present. This year is going to be present for the fourth consecutive time at the elections.

Elections are going to be

divided in primary and general. The primary are in August and the general are in October. The ones are going to choose the councilors of the city.

The ideas that were always linked together to form an alternative project for the city of Mar del Plata, and some politicians felt it was time to create, consolidate and implement one; the result: Accion Marplatense.

The premise was to create a space of political ideas and expressions, which are not marked by traditional structures. The general idea was to create a plural and open space for the needed and the poor; embracing different sectors and ideas.

The Accion Marplatense elected councilors are: Carlos Aiello, Debora Marrero, Diego Monti (who is the bloc president), Gerardo Cirese, Hector Rosso, Leandro Laserna, Marcela Amenabar, Marcelo Artime, Mario Luchessi, Marisa Vargas, Martin Aiello and Ricardo Palacios.

In 2011 elections, the political party trained 1400 poll supervisors. The courses were dictated in the Action Marplatense headquarters, and they were opened to the whole community. By this year, they hope that a huge amount of people be back to help with the elections.

## Primary:

The primary election in our country is an experience that started 2 years ago. It originated with the sanction of the electoral law 26571, which established the specificity of the elections openly and simultaneously.

After this election, the lists that will compete in October for different legislative positions will be established. Applicants must obtain mandatory minimum of at least 1.5% of the votes for the district in which they compete, and so they can move to the second round. The General.

In case two or more lists competing for the same party, the winner will represent the party while the losers will back it.

## Who will go and who will stay?

In the case of General Pueyrredón, voters not only choose national and provincial deputies and senators provincial, but also define the members of the City Council, which is composed by representatives of 5 political parties: Acción Marplatense, UCR, Agrupación Atlántica, Frente para la Victoria and PRO.

The ruling party puts 8 seats on the line. The councilpeople who have completed their mandates are Carlos Aiello, Deborah Marrero, Diego Monti, Gabriela Pasquinelli, Gerardo Cirese, Héctor Rosso, Marcela Amenabar and Mario Lucchesi.

## Interview:

Fernando Gauna, Secretary of Social Development, believes in this society and in A.M (Acción Marplatense) political party. "The first four years were dedicated to finish the old city schedule, plans were outstanding for a long time," he said.

One of the issues to end was the move of the bus terminal. It was finally moved from its original place and in that same place; work began to recover the old building. This project took a lot of work, time and efforts. He also commented: "The

## *Glossary:*

**Approval:** When the majority agrees on something and votes positively

**Councilor:** A member of a council

**Disposal:** The act or means of getting rid of something

**Household:** Relating to, or used in the running of a household; domestic

**Political party:** Group of people who share the same political view.

**Poll:** Elections

**Premise:** A statement that is assumed to be true for the purpose of an argument from which a conclusion is drawn

**Promenade:** A leisurely walk, esp one in a public place for pleasure or display

**Sewage:** Waste matter from domestic or industrial establishments that is carried away in sewers or drains for dumping or conversion into a form that is not toxic.





separation of waste was an issue on the agenda that was very important to the political party. The phase that began a year ago, was described as a "turn the issue" in the history of organic solid waste in the city. The separation of household waste at source; then this must be put either in green bags form recyclable materials (cardboard, paper, plastic, glass and metal) or black ones for the organics. Each color bags are to be collected on specific days of the week. This is a big step that immediately following the inauguration of the new final waste lot. "



Mayor Gustavo Pulti

city. So solving this problem is a new challenge for the authorities.

#### **New projects:**

The projects that the political party has in mind are: internet (wi fi) in plazas, parks and promenades; a new treatment plant for sewage; the purchase of more than 200 security cameras to control and prevent crime in the city; about traffic, new control centers and traffic lights in the city; all health centers will be interconnected; the industrial park will be expanded.

Another project that is currently being carried out is the "Emisario Submarino" It is expected to be finished before the end of the year. Fernando explained all the steps that the government has and ideas they have for the following year. Gauna added that there is a large automobile growth in the

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# THE “SOCIALISMO” IS GROWING UP IN MAR DEL PLATA

by MORENO, Juan Ignacio and COLOMBO, Alfonso

The open, obligatory and simultaneous elections will be developed in Argentina in August and the socialism is an important opponent against Gustavo Pulti's ruling.

This political party known as Socialism was founded in 1896 and important personalities integrated it since the very beginning such as: Alfredo Palacios, Juan B. Justo, Germán Avé Lallemand and Alfredo Bravo.

In Mar del Plata, the political party is located in 3422 Rivadavia St., near the center of the city. Nationally, this political force is led by Hermes Binner, but locally, the leader is Andrés Cordeu, an environmental engineer.

The principal objectives of this political group in the city are: to oppose the creation of the local police, to fight insecurity and work for a new and clean city

Andrés Cordeu, ex-mayor candidate of the city, was against the la creation of the municipally police. He commented: “it is

impossible to carry out this idea because it is very expensive. For example for a serious police organization it is necessary to have 3000 policemen”.

Then, Cordeu, talked about Gustavo Pulti's actual management of the city, and he said that the possible moving fer of the Municipal premises from its present location to Libertad Av and Tandil St. is impossible to be performed.

“All that Pulti has done in his management like the new bus and train terminal, the sewage effluent, and others, were paid by using state funds”, said Cordeu.

About the relationship between the socialism in Mar del Plata and the national political party conformed by Hermes Binner, the Mar del Plata leader said that it is very important the support that “Frente Amplio Progresista” (Binner's party) gave him and that they talk every month about politics in general..



# “THE MUNICIPALITY SPENDS \$40 MILLION A YEAR ON POLITICAL CIVIL SERVANTS”

by DE JUAN, María Florencia; GALLARDO, Nicolás and ROGERS, Christian



The primary, open, simultaneous and obligatory elections (PASO) will be developed in Argentina on 11<sup>th</sup> August. These elections will be to choose the party candidates for the future elections in October. On this

behalf, the Unión Cívica Radical is the main opponent front in the council against the actual government leader, Gustavo Pulti, and his political party Acción Marplatense.

Norberto Walter Pérez, secretary of the Radical Bloc details the principal proposals for the incoming elections.

In the PASO elections, the Radicalism will take a specific path after the provincial convention gathered in Olavarría, Buenos Aires. The last month, there was a committee meeting with the purpose to start an alliance with other related parties. “When we talk about related parties, the convention derived these possible alliances of radicalism to the FAP parties, like the socialism or Coalición Cívica, which are natural allied parties to the Radicalism”, said Perez. Also he expressed that “after the mistake of the last elections, we understood that, in the alliance made with Francisco De Narváez’s peronism area, the radicalism suggested to go back to the natural political allies”

Obviously, in function that there is a lot of time for the elections, the lists of the local candidates are not ready yet, neither the nationals lists.

In summary, there are not chosen candidates yet, because the UCR has not discussed to conform one, two or three lists to compete at the local level.

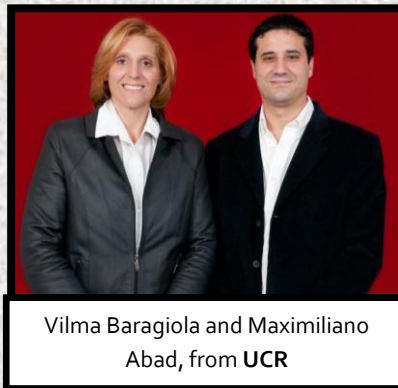
Norberto Walter Pérez was interviewed about Gustavo Pulti’s government:

Jo) Which topics do you agree with?

NP) Although it is an extended question, mainly, we have huge differences at the fiscal area.

Gustavo Pulti increased taxes up to 500% in his government. He also created three especial

contributions and a tax surcharge: the environmental, health and tourism taxes that caused a strong impact to the citizens’ economic situation. Nowadays, Pulti said that he wanted to carry on a project called Communal Police that it is about the creation of a police squad only for General Pueyrredón municipality. And it will be financed with a 16% tax surcharge for all the taxes. Pulti does not talk about the 16% surcharge of the municipal taxes, he talks about a special contribution that has also been increased up to the same percentage, like the Water Supply and Obras Sanitarias Sanitation tax which is a municipal tax; the environmental management tax, health tax, etc. In short, the increase will not be up to 16%.



Vilma Baragiola and Maximiliano Abad, from UCR

UCR will agree with the creation of the Communal Police, if the government solves some legal subjects. Today an armed Communal Police is not considered in the provincial legislation which indicates that local governments do not have a law to allow the municipality carries on the project. If Gral. Pueyrredón municipality reforms the law, the UCR will agree with the police squad. But, at the moment, the valid laws do not allow to create an army

Communal Police.

“Pulti is doing a wrong popular referendum, because people want the new police but they do not accept the tax increase. The radicalism would agree, if the project was financed by unnecessary expenditures saving”, said Norberto, and he added that the Communal Leader has three more times the number of public servants than the ex-government leader Daniel Katz’s public management. In this way, the UCR representative explained that there are about five or six public servants on each area, but before there were only two.

“Pulti has got a large debt in the municipality. In addition, the municipal plant grew up in about nine thousands employees. The number of full time employees is enormous for the number of people who has the required educational level. Because of the socialist municipalities, the General Pueyrredón municipality started to create a strong structure in the municipal education, and people agree with this. But, there have been a lot of people who went into other areas that are unproductive, because nowadays, I do not think that

majority of people are satisfied with the municipal service”, added Pérez.

About the differences between the UCR and the present government, Norberto said:

“The radicalism agrees with the household waste separation, but we do not agree because it is not obligatory. Because of the days in which people should take out green bags, it is supposed that white or black bags with other waste cannot be taken out. The reason: garbage is mixed on the truck and in waste separation plant. It cannot be separated for recycling. Since one year ago, we have been told Pulti that the system does not work well, but he has a majority in the Deliberative Council so he does not listen to our devices.”

Jo) What’s your opinion about the situation of the reserve of the port?

NP) “I was a civil servant during Aprile’s management in the environment, and we presented the first draft law to create the nature reserve in the port, in 1998. We did an event with the Punta Mogotes School and the Community Society at the Teatro Colón. Our goal was to found the natural reserve and we presented the project. Nowadays, the Provincial Senate is discussing a project and we agree. We have the support of all the blocs. The

Executive Power and the Deliberative Council will agree with that project which has an educational objective. But, in two and half years of Pulti’s management, he did not avoid that Aldosivi club did the disasters that they produced without an environmental license, so Pulti has been involved in the situation.”

## Glossary:

**TAX:** A **tax** (from the Latin *taxo*; "rate") is a financial charge or other levy imposed upon a taxpayer (an individual or **legal entity**) by a **state** or the functional equivalent of a state such that failure to pay is punishable by law.

**SURCHARGE:** An extra fee added onto another fee or charge.

**EMPLOYEES:** An employee contributes labor and/or expertise to an endeavor of an employer and is usually hired to perform specific duties which are packaged into a **job**.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** a meeting for administrative purposes.

**COUNCIL:** An assembly of persons called together for consultation, deliberation, or discussion.

**CONTRIBUTION:** A payment exacted for a special purpose; an impost or a levy.

**ALLIANCES:** A close association of nations or other groups, formed to advance common interests or causes: an alliance of labor unions opposing the bill.

**PROPOSALS:** A plan that is proposed

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# A WOMAN AGAINST CORRUPTION

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The Frente Para la Victoria political president bloc analyzed the present society and its different problems in order to indicate the possible management solutions. The president also criticized the behavior of the opposition.



Verónica Beresiarte, Frente Para la Victoria (FPV) Political bloc President, gave an interview two weeks ago in Mar del Plata. According to statistics, she stated, four out of ten people are unsatisfied with the city or the government.

She talked about the climate of insecurity, health, politics, and media relation.

## Interview to Verónica Beresiarte:

### ✚ How many projects have you presented this year?

This year I presented twenty projects, in various areas such as production, traffic and sanitation to improve the life standard of the citizens.

### ✚ How many advisers do you have?

I work with a lawyer, two council members, a person who is responsible for administrative and one that helps her with the social aspect. Frente para la Victoria local city counseling bloc is integrated by myself, Fernando Maraude and Pablo Retamoza.

### ✚ What is your opinion about the climate of insecurity in Mar del Plata?

It's a complex issue; we have to create more inclusive spaces and more economic ones. I'm not a security expert but our city has a high level of unemployment. On the other hand we have the a lack of police effectiveness. We are about to change the chief police of Mar del Plata because of his mismanagement.

### ✚ Is the level of insecurity lower than last year?

We do not have statistics; it is a very complex and serious issue. Recently unusual events happened, for example, a citizen was beaten to death in a police department. We were very concerned about it. We have to work a lot on this issue.

### ✚ Which projects have you presented because of this issue?

I've been working in a project to create a Communal police to identify the main causes of crime in the city. We have to implement plans of prevention and control of the crime

### ✚ Do you think that there is a relationship between insecurity and corruption in Mar del Plata?

Surely, for a long time we have been fighting against a horrible issue in the city, human trafficking, especially on women and children. Sexual

exploitation is something that we will not tolerate. Actually, we carry out inspections in brothels and closed many of them, because they were clandestine.

### ✚ What do you think about the Communal police project?

It is a really important opportunity that the mayor gives citizens to fight crime, which has grown a lot in the city. The idea is to create a healthy, responsible and committed organization that could provide answers to the neighbors that work in conjunction with the actual police department. The new force would be closer to being an urban police, with weapons, and following the mayor's commands for more preventive actions. What we want with this project is to bring peace of mind and stability to the citizens. It will be well paid and it will also give new working sources. The opposition has closed ranks against this project; nevertheless, they don't present any other project to reduce the level of insecurity in Mar del Plata.

### ✚ One of the key concerns of the citizens is public health. What is your opinion about it?

Our city has a really serious structural problem in this subject. We have a primary public health that cannot keep with the demand. We have created some healthcare centers, but it does not reach the whole population. The two major hospitals in the city are overpopulated. We have been unable to tackle this problem for a long time, and it is really necessary to solve this. If this problem continues, it will be really grave not only for the citizens but also for all the people that come in summer to the city.

### ✚ Regarding this problem, how does your political bloc face this subject?

We have done a lot of infrastructure work that helped the population. From the communal social development sector we have targeted to reach those who are most in need. Along with the national government, we have launched a program to provide free health care to those who do not have medical insurance. Also we have made different campaigns, through conferences in schools and universities to allow people to have the easiest access to information.

### ✚ We are close to the elections, what image do you thing that citizens have of your political bloc?

We constantly work to provide solutions to the problems that we silver city neighbors. We walk the neighborhoods and try to serve citizens. Anyway, we have to continue working for a better city. There are still many things to do. We all know that the opposition is not organized and it does not have a clear plan yet.

### ✚ Regarding Mar del Plata's economy. How do you see the city?

One of the issues that most concern us is unemployment which, in recent times, has reached 9%. We seek to industrialize the city and provide new jobs for its inhabitants. Another important issue is the

situation of the port today. Many ships cannot enter by the lack of infrastructure that this sector is suffering. Moreover, we are working to create new cooperatives, with the aim of providing new jobs and outsourcing the local economy.

✚ **Do political differences exist with Pulti's government?**

We have our own identity. We do not share some items with the other blocs. The planning of the city is

one of the topics that separate us from Pulti's government. We have our bloc; encourage the construction and the growth of the city in all his aspects. In many cases other blocs have left us out of their politics

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### *Glossary:*

**Provide:** To put at disposal of.

**Behavior:** Manner of behaving or conducting oneself

**Development:** The act or process of growing, progressing, or developing

**Neighbor:** A person who lives near or next to another.

**Neighborhood:** The immediate environment; surroundings; vicinity.

**Management:** The members of the executive or administration of an organization or business.