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The new mayor of Barcelona gives air to independence

She says he is in his DNA

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USPA NEWS - Less than 24 hours after learning of his victory in local elections celebrated on Sunday May 24 in Spain, the new mayor of Barcelona, Ada Colau, removed any doubt about his position on the Catalan independence.

At a press conference, which is the new mayor of Barcelona, Ada Colau, boosted by the victory of his party, Barcelona in common, which got 11 councilors and was voted in the Catalan capital, said the defense of the right to decide "it is in our genes." But warned that declaring independence of Catalonia "does not belong to the City of Barcelona," Colau defended the right of Catalonia to decide what they want his relationship with Spain.

In local key, Ada Colau asked common sense citizens, saying "we do not want anyone to have us fear." In this sense, the mayor promised to be for "all" citizens and recalled that there are separatists, federalists and supporters of the unity of Spain in his party. On possible agreements, Colau said they have not "cooked a covenant" before the elections and came to talk with all parties except the nationalist Convergence and Union (CiU its acronym in Spanish) and the conservative Popular Party (PP) in order to achieve transparent agreements.

Colau obtained 173,135 votes and 11 councilors, one more than CiU, which had 10 councilors, and six more than the independence Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC its acronym in Spanish), which went to the polls in coalition with MES Barcelona, and Citizens (C's), which received five councilors each. The Spanish electoral system expected next June 13 is proclaimed as mayor Ada Colau, in their capacity as head of the most voted list.

Its position on the right to decide gives air to the Catalan government, whose president, Artur Mas, linked the continuity of its sovereignty project to the result to obtain his party (CiU) in Barcelona. But plans to convene regional elections on September 27, aiming to turn these elections into a plebiscite and hoping to attain sufficient majority to unilaterally proclaim independence of Catalonia.

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