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The councillor of Finance warns that the decision of the opposition to withdraw the accounts also delays the projects requested by the neighbors through the Participatory Budget



The Councillor for Finance, Lourdes Caselles, explained today that the non-approval of the 2019 municipal budget leaves in the air "nominative subsidies to social, educational and sports entities" included in the document, while "delaying" the planned works for this year. Caselles has transferred this information after yesterday the opposition groups and the non-affiliated councillors of the corporation forced with their vote to withdraw from the agenda of the plenary session the budget proposal presented by the government team, "preventing even their vote" .

The councillor has specified that the nominative subsidies of the budget amount to 1.3 million euros, and among them are those provided for Red Cross (280,000 euros, 40,000 more than in 2018), Doble Amor (170,000 euros), APAs Grouping , UNED, cooperative credits from schools or Benidorm Handball Club.

Caselles has indicated that among the actions remaining in the air are the "actions approved by the neighbors in Assembly" and moved "by the Neighborhood Council for inclusion in the fourth Participatory Budget", among which is "the renewal of the promenade of Paseo de Poniente, which cannot be done for this summer ". Caselles recalled that the government's proposal, which did not prosper yesterday, reserved "more than 532,000 euros" for the Participatory Budget, exceeding 5% of

the investment budget established by the Regulation.

The person in charge of Finance has detailed that other affected projects are "the execution of the access roundabout to the industrial estate and the known one like 'Vial Discotecas', the plans of Sidewalks and Asphalting with which it is foreseen to act in numerous points of the city, the reinforcement of road safety in different public roads, or actions included in EDUSI ". Some projects, he explained, that "in the best case will be delayed at least two or three months, since they can not be tendered or adjudicated until the new corporation approves the budget, thus putting at risk the one that can be executed before finish the year. "

Caselles has criticized that, with the exception of Compromís-Los Verdes group, the rest of the opposition vetoed the accounts for 2019 yesterday "without even having looked at and studied the budget"; and she has affirmed that "with their decision they are harming the whole town of Benidorm".

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