



## **CIBE-BLOC ELECTORAL PROGRAMME** **Municipal Elections 2007**

### *Ideas for change*

#### **URBANISM, INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

We want Benissa to grow, but we want its development to be sustainable, appropriate and balanced, without destroying our environment and heritage, with full respect for all applicable laws, and ensuring an open decision making process.

We will change Benissa's Town Plan, the PGOU, to protect our town while conserving the natural beauty of our rural and agricultural landscape.

We will develop an action plan to improve the infrastructure for water, in order to make best use and most efficient distribution of our water supply.

We will open up the municipal administration of public land and seek the necessary resources to build public housing that will be available to those of lesser means within our municipality. Most importantly, we will do what Benissa can afford.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

We will execute a plan to build an underground parking garage in Benissa's main square, Plaza de Jaume I, thereby regaining a central public space for important municipal events, such as fiestas, performances and other cultural and leisure activities.

We shall actively promote the use of new information and communication technologies, putting them at the disposal of all social groups, especially to those who have difficulty in accessing these new technologies.

#### **SOCIAL INTEGRATION**

We shall improve access to public buildings for handicapped persons and work hard at helping new foreign residents integrate socially and culturally.

We shall establish a 'one stop' administrative service centre for residents living on Benissa's coast, also providing some municipal police and medical services.



## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

We shall insist that the Valencian Government meet its commitment to improve health services in the southern part of the Marina Alta.

We shall create a proper system of collecting and housing stray and abandoned animals, in collaboration with the local and provincial protection societies.

## **CULTURE AND EDUCATION**

We shall provide institutional support and assistance for artistic and research initiatives that will contribute to building a more modern and multicultural Benissa.

We shall expand the adult education programme by giving special attention to language laboratories for European languages, as a way of assisting integration for both non-Spanish and Spanish residents.

## **THE TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE**

We shall facilitate relations between the local administration and residents of Benissa by introducing a 'one stop' administration service.

We shall promote the establishment of a digital town hall service, making available useful and timely information to people in Benissa.

We shall regularly audit and make available Benissa's public accounts so that Benissa's tax payers will have a point of reference for seeing and understanding how public funds are spent. This will enable us to act in a responsible and transparent manner.

As an example of our commitment to involving residents in public affairs, and under the umbrella of Agenda 21, we will encourage the establishment of more local groups and associations to discuss and make recommendations on key issues such as urban planning and the spending of public funds. These fora will contribute to setting public priorities for Benissa.

We will encourage the widest possible participation of our community in all of our governance to ensure fair and equal treatment for all who reside in Benissa.

We will promote respect for our 'patrimony', that is our countryside, culture and heritage. We shall also encourage a more open inclusive, multicultural and tolerant society.



### OTHER KEY ISSUES

We will seek to reduce disproportionate tax increases, applying fairer and more equitable taxes for all residents and property owners in Benissa

We will resolve the problems of rubbish, garden waste, especially in the coastal and rural areas

We will promote better quality tourism, adapted to what Benissa can best offer in its historic centre and rural areas, including the coast.