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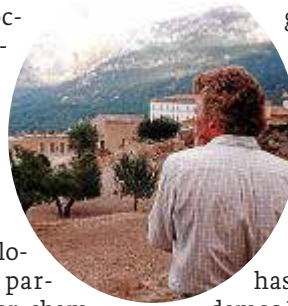
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KNOCK BACK FOR LUXURY BRANSON HOTEL PROJECT

PALMA The council of Majorca's heritage department yesterday suspended the processing of the eco-resort Sir Richard Branson has been planning to build for years in Banyalbufar.

The previous local council, in particular the mayor, championed the project.



He considered that it would not only help restore the historic palace and grounds but also attract quality tourists to the area, boost the local economy and create vital jobs for young local residents.

But, the council has changed and Podemos Mallorca maintain that the project does not

meet the heritage commission requirements and, for the moment, pulled the plug on the resort.

Podemos's bottom line is that project would not blend into the environment of the Tramuntana mountains. The news will come as a blow to Branson whose love affair with Majorca stretches back years and transforming Banyalbufar into "the most beautiful eco-resort in Europe" was his dream.

WORLD BOXING KING THANKS MAJORCA

● **Boxing legend Wladimir Klitschko was rescued by the Majorcan coast guard** after a yacht he was aboard caught alight on Monday morning just off El Toro.

● The former world heavyweight champion Tweeted his **thanks to the Majorcan emergency services for the quick rescue operation.**

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Palma celebrates LGTBI Pride



PALMA The mayor of Palma, José Hila, yesterday unfurled the LGTBI flag and draped it from the town hall balcony.

Marking Pride 2019, the mayor invited all members of the LGTBI community to live in freedom.

Hila said that there was pride in Palma for Pride.

"We give our total support to the Ben Amics LGTBI association.

"Pride has been declared to be in the municipal interest, and we have made Palma a modern city for coexistence."

The mayor added that the people of the city can be happy that no politician or institution is telling them how to live their lives.

Victor Robles, the president of Ben Amics, observed that it is "very special to be able to count on a sensible administration with LGTBI policies", and

he celebrated the fact that there was now a specific department for articulating specific policies.

Social justice

Sonia Vivas, councillor for social justice, feminism and LGTBI, expressed her satisfaction at the celebration, which recalls "all those persecuted for love and for having built their lives with people of the same sex".

She went on to say that there is growing hatred "towards us" but that in Palma, this hate has been resisted. "We have won and we are going to celebrate it in style this year."

A recent Pew Research Center study found that Spain ranked at the top of 40 nations where respondents were asked if they found homosexuality morally acceptable. Only 6% found it unacceptable, compared with 37% in the United States.

● **"We give our total support to the Ben Amics LGTBI association. Pride has been declared to be in the municipal interest, and we have made Palma a modern city for coexistence:" José Hila, the mayor of Palma.**