

A Glimmer of Hope

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While hashtag trends are gaining popularity on social media and messages are reaching the club, there's something else going on behind the scenes – something that's part of the bigger picture.

Back in June this year, Agusti Benedito (the man in the photo above) told the media that he was starting a vote of no-confidence against Barcelona's board due to Sandro Rosell's and Josep Bartomeu's institutional mismanagement of the club. The Rosell-Bartomeu era has been full of corruption, shady deals, and a murder of the values of the club. This can be clearly seen from the fact that Sandro Rosell (president from 2010-2014) was thrown into jail for money-laundering in May after stepping down from the club due to the everything that happened during the Neymar transfer. (Rosell hid the cost of Neymar using false contracts – something that can put you in jail in Spain for up to 6-years). When Rosell resigned, his vice-president Bartomeu stepped up and nothing changed for the club.

“The serious institutional crisis at our club requires that the club's members assess whether the current board still has our confidence”

In July, Agusti Benedito, the former presidential candidate (2015), announced through Twitter that he had enough support to start the vote of no-confidence motion against Bartomeu and the Barcelona board. Since Bartomeu and co. are not showing any signs of resigning soon, it's glad to see there is someone out there working to fix the club.

Working together with the most successful president in Barcelona's history, Laporta, and another presidential candidate from 2015, Freixa, Benedito needs the signatures of approximately 16500 members (socios) of the club. This is in accordance with Article 5, that states you need at least 15% of the members' support to go through.

"If you are a club member and believe that to restore the club we love the board should resign, join up with the will of many other fans by signing the vote of no confidence."

I'm writing this because the process starts tomorrow – 1st September, 2017. Benedito needs the 16500 votes within 14 working days from then. Benedito will have a few games (including 2 home games versus Eibar and Espanyol) to accumulate more support and once he has those votes, the motion will start at the end of September.

He'll then need – in a complicated procedure – a 2/3 majority of favorable votes of at least 10% of the club's board. This is the best case scenario because the members of the board will be relieved of their positions in this scenario and a period of elections will start.

We'll just have to pray now that Benedito's motion goes to plan and us fans can witness the best case scenario take place. This club needs change now more than ever.

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