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## CHRISTIAN ESTROSI RESIGNS FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REGION PACA

### HE BECOMES BACK AS MAYOR OF NICE

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**USPA NEWS** - "After the election of Emmanuel Macron, to begin the parliamentary campaign by speaking of" exclusion "rather than" gathering "is a sign of unsuccessful failure for our political family," explained Christian Estrosi, after his resignation President of The Region PACA, Les Republicans.

#### CHRISTIAN ESTROSI WELCOMES THE VICTORY OF EMMANUEL MACRON AND BECOMES MAYOR OF NICE

Christian Estrosi, former president of the Alpes-Maritimes general council, member of several governments, mayor of Nice since March 2008, and deputy of the Alpes-Maritimes, is currently first deputy mayor of Nice, president of the metropolis Nice Côte d ' Azur and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. He resigns from his position as President of the Region PACA, returning to the post of mayor of the city of Nice. The unanimous vote was valid by the municipal council in his favor. "It is very good news for the Republic, for France, that the National Front did not enter the Elysee. I greet the victory of Emmanuel Macron as a great victory for democracy, for the image that France must give in the world.

I will be campaigning alongside the Republican candidates who will put all their energy to fight the "Front National" [?]. We have to make it regress. If France, if the presidency of Emmanuel Macron does not succeed during these five years, next time, it will be really the extreme right. The first thing my political party must do is to learn the lessons of its failure.

We have a young elected president who has shaken all the benchmarks that existed in the political formations, which brings a breath of modernity. Are we going to be cheesy? I hope that my political group from Gaullism, liberals, centrists, is part of a logic of reform to make a contribution." Christian Estrosi declared.

#### ESTROSI AFFIRMS BELONGING TO HIS POLITICAL FAMILY "THE REPUBLICANS" [?] AGAINST THE NATIONAL FRONT

I want to have right-wing and center-level MPs who can influence future reforms.

In the aftermath of the victory of Emmanuel Macron, the first word must be "gathering" in my political family, it must not be "exclusion". We must not radicalize ourselves in the legislative elections, as we did for the presidential campaign, otherwise it will be a sure failure, like the one we have just known.

I am a free man and no one will take away my freedom. I love my country and my party. I have always served them with loyalty. I intend to serve my country by accompanying moderate deputies, gatherers, firm on Republican principles and open to the reforms we have to make.

I say this very clearly, between my country and my party, I will always choose my country!

#### ESTROSI COMES BACK MAYOR OF "NICE A CHOICE OF THE HEART" [?]

Christian Estrosi explains why he leaves the presidency of the PACA region (By reducing his cumulation of mandates) and why he prefers to focus on the management of his city Nice.

"It's a choice of heart! As I announced yesterday, I will find my headquarters as Mayor of Nice in a few days and this will result in my resignation from the presidency of the Region.

Administering the 5th city of France and one of the 1st Metropole of France is as important a task as I am in the Region.

When we see the success of Bordeaux behind Alain Juppé, that of Marseille behind Jean-Claude Gaudin or that of Lyon with Gérard Collomb, I want to invest fully behind Nice. It is a choice of heart.

I am one of those who are convinced that if France were managed by its great local representatives, there would be more successes and reforms.

My position in front of the National Front is not a political or careerist calculation. I confronted directly, in 1993 and 1998, Jean-Marie Le Pen, in Nice. Then, in 2015, I prevented Marion Maréchal-Le Pen from seizing the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region after there had been this force of democracy on the part of cultural, economic and Of all political parties. All of them gathered. Who would have understood that I did not invest with the same attitude and the same firmness on the evening of the first round alongside Emmanuel Macron. It was a national duty on my part.

Now that I have fulfilled these missions and I have put the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region back on track after 18 years of socialism by setting up 80% of our roadmap, I can pass with dignity the Relay to my friend Renaud Muselier. I will remain with him as Deputy Chairman of our Region.

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