

David Valadez - Mayor of Estepona

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In an Extraordinary Session of Estepona's Council held on Thursday, 17th July, David Valadez was voted as new the town's new Mayor. The local PES Party abstained in the vote and the Partido Popular, who continue to appeal for new local elections, voted against.

David Valadez López was born in Estepona in 1977. He qualified in publicity and public relations along with journalism from the University of Malaga. He has been active in the PSOE party since he was 18 and was a founder member of the Estepona Young Socialists group. He is currently a member of the provincial committee as well as being deputy head of the Estepona PSOE party, having been recently been the youngest party leader at the age of 26. In the last municipal elections he occupied sixth place on the PSOE list and was allocated the delegations for Social Welfare and Health, and has also assumed the Personnel department in recent weeks. In the previous administration (2003-2007) he held responsibility for Social Welfare and Personnel along with the Youth department as from 2004. During the past 5 years David Valadez has expressed his criticism of Antonio Barrientos and his allies which came to a head last year when he absented himself from a Council meeting in protest, an action which led to the then Mayor, Antonio Barrientos, dismissing him as party spokesman and member of the local governing body. In addition, his concern over discrepancies in the management of a number of municipal companies led to his resignation from all administration posts that he held. Mayor Valadez stated that his first task was to restore the public's faith in the political system in Estepona.