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## AGNES BUZYN MAYORAL ELECTION CANDIDATE & EX HEALTH MIN CREATES A CONTROVERSY

### ABOUT 1ST ROUND OVER COVID-19

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**USPA NEWS** - The former Minister of Health in France, Agnes Buzyn (trained as a haematologist) and candidate for the municipal elections in Paris, who collected 17.6% of the votes according to Ipsos / Sopra Steria estimates communicated by France Info, the replacement for Benjamin Griveaux for LREM (the Repique En Marche, Party of the President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron, See article BENJAMIN GRIVEAUX LREM CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS FROM PARIS MAYOR ELECTIONS RACE OVER SEX TAPE LEAKED BY PIOTR PAVLENSKI) in the first round of the municipal elections in Paris delivered an interview to the Journal Le Monde this morning, which created a big controversy in full Coronavirus crisis. Indeed, while President Macron had announced last Thursday the maintenance of the first round of municipal elections, then yesterday announced the postponement of the 2nd round to June 21 next state gives the intensification of the COVID-19 crisis while requesting the confinement. The declarations deemed sinking "and" dismaying "qualifying the first round of municipal elections as" masquerade "about the maintenance of the first round of municipal, the former Minister of Health assured

THE DECLARATIONS OF AGNES BUZYN CREATES A LARGE CONTROVERSY IN FRANCE OVER THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK-----The declarations deemed sinking "and" dismaying "qualifying the first round of municipal elections as" masquerade "about the maintenance of the first round of municipal, the former Minister of Health assured having alerted in January the government on the dangers of coronavirus. A confession that goes wrong in the opposition but also in its own camp. "" I warned Edouard Philippe that the elections could probably not be held. " With Le Monde, the former minister and candidate for mayor of Paris Agnès Buzyn let herself go to confessions which add to the health crisis the beginning of political controversy. Prime Minister Edouard Philippe made a response to Agnes Buzyn during Prime Time TV, at 8:00 pm on France 2TV.A CASCADE OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION CHAIN FOLLOWING AGNES BUZYN'S STATEMENTS

Marine Le Pen, President of the National Rally (RN Extreme Droite) is outraged via twitter by Agnes Buzyn's statements, "The words of Agnes Buzyn are staggering, writes the president of the National Rally on Twitter. Were there concealment of the real gravity of the situation to the French? (...) We are perhaps at the dawn of a major health scandal. "

Elected LR, PS, PCF or environmentalists also demanded explanations. Environmentalists, in particular, Senator Esther Benbassa called for the creation of a parliamentary commission of inquiry.As for Jean-Luc Mélenchon, President of La France insoumise, LFI, Extreme Gauche), called on the fact-finding mission decided this Tuesday morning at a conference of Assembly presidents to "take up these confessions". because he believes that "The confessions of Agnes Buzyn are appalling"

PM EDOUARD PHILIPPE ASSUMES THE CHOICE OF THE 1ST ROUND OF ELECTIONS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC ADVICE-----

On the TV channel France 2, as a bonus Time, the Prime Minister, Edouard Philippe, confirmed in the same evening that Agnes Buzyn had effectively alerted in January about the seriousness of the epidemic in China and, he added, that is why a certain number of meetings were organized as early as January. But he explained that opinions differed on what would be the evolution of the epidemic. As for the maintenance of the first round of the municipal elections, last Sunday, the Prime Minister declared that this decision was "based on scientific reasons" and "perfectly assumed". "Imagine what the French people, the candidates, the political forces would have said if on Saturday we had interrupted an electoral process, which also took place in good conditions, while other French men and women were going to walk freely in the gardens, on the beaches, in the cities ", added Prime Minister Edouard Philippe to body of this controversy which coincides with the 1st day of confinement in France, for 15 days. As President Macron had explained that it was on the advice of the Superior Scientific Council that this first round of the elections had been maintained. (Members of the opposition, as Gerard Marcher President of the Senate who had insisted on maintaining the elections and political validation also of Laurent Fabius, President of the Constitutional Council) "You cannot, when you are a political leader in a democracy, decide alone the day before an election or three days before the election to interrupt a democratic process," he continued.

AGNES BUZYN ANNOUNCES "THERE WILL BE THOUSANDS OF DEAD" BECAUSE OF COVID-19 THEN  
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Agnes Buzyn then tried to minimize her remarks, in a press release published in the afternoon, regretting in particular the use of the word "masquerade", after having launched the controversy itself, in the middle of the COVID-19 crisis.

"Totally in solidarity" with the government, the former minister ensures that "all the anticipated measures have been implemented to ensure the health security of our fellow citizens" to vote during the first round last Sunday. "It is scientific advice and facts that have - at every stage - formed the basis for government decisions," she adds. Source: Le Monde, Huffington Post, France 2TV

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