

Mayor Fernando Medina
Campo Grande 25,
Lisboa, Portugal

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Dear Mayor Medina :

What do you really want for Lisbon?
What do you want for yourself?
Are the hills really that steep?
What will your legacy be?
Are you free after?

Doubt is a fundamental part in any process of development and it is the source of any improvement. The constant questioning of ourselves and our surroundings provides us with the necessary awareness in the decision making that will define our societies and ourselves. Moreover, few roles imply so much and such important decision making as being the mayor of a city like Lisbon; So we can imagine that you may be questioning yourself quite often about how your decisions have a direct impact in your city, your country and even your continent.

Each decision is preceded by a doubt, comes with a hope and it is followed by a result. In this sense, questions are the origin of the critical thinking towards our professions, which in your case is managing the city. Reformulating automated questions that will give expected answers becomes imperative in an ever changing urban context, where problems evolve more rapidly than solutions. In other words thinking first about the right questions may help us to take the right decisions.

So dear mayor of Lisbon; above are some questions by CARTHA, we hope that their answers will provide you with a clearer and broader vision that will certainly be useful in the reading of the letters and any further proposals which you might also receive, from our colleague architects.

We are looking forward to receiving your answers.
Sincerely,
The editorial board of CARTHA.