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ABSTRACT

The processes of change that actually take place in Venezuela, move towards the construction of a new democracy model of popular participation circumscribed in the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela(1999). From there, where generated the conditions institutional and legal that favoring the participation of the citizens in decision-making on matters of public interest; actions that reflect the intention of the State to enable organizations of civil society to intervene in public management and the provision of social services. Quality of life, welfare, participation, overcoming poverty, part of the objectives that pursuing the new civil society, developing an administrative practice and management according to the principles which govern. Because of these considerations, the law of community councils approved (April 2006) as a way to create a space to discuss issues related to the communal power, through different areas of work related to the most relevant problems of each community and involve a number of principles that attempt to build a society with greater equity and social justice. After conducting desk research and field, on these community organizations, then arises the concern of whether this organizational model contains criterion and securities representing its rationale or, conversely, are covered on patronage, paternalism protectionism.

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