



JUDICIAL BOARD

UCLA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Nicholas Yu, Chief Justice
DATE: Wednesday, May 2, 2018
RE: Petition Denied: *A.J. Goldsman v. USAC Election Board*

On May 2, 2018, the JUDICIAL BOARD officially received a Petition for Consideration (No. 18-2) filed by PETITIONER, A.J. Goldsman, against the RESPONDENT, USAC Election Board.

The Petition for Consideration alleges that USAC Election Board “unfairly and illogically” sanctioned USAC Presidential candidate A.J. Goldsman in #C26-S2018. USAC Election Board found A.J. Goldsman’s campaign signboard to be in violation of Election Code Article 8.2.2.ii.3. and 8.2.3.a. USAC Election Board requested A.J. Goldsman to remove his signboard’s frame by 11:59 p.m. on May 2, 2018.

The remedy the PETITIONER requested was for USAC Election Board to either (1) reverse the sanction in #C26-S2018, publish a retraction, and issue an apology or (2) sanction candidates who have a signboard that exceeds 8 feet in width.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has DENIED the Petition for Consideration on the matter of *A.J. Goldsman v. USAC Election Board* for the following reasons:

1. The JUDICIAL BOARD provides USAC Election Board with the discretion to determine whether candidates’ signboards conform to USAC Election Board’s definition of a signboard with the appropriate dimensions. If the mandated dimensions are worded ambiguously, it is the prerogative of Election Board to interpret ambiguous portions of Election Code at their discretion, *Ian Cocroft v. Election Board, et al.*
2. Although the JUDICIAL BOARD has jurisdiction over this matter, the JUDICIAL BOARD retains discretion over which cases it will hear, *De La Fuente v. UCLA Election Board.*
3. If the PETITIONER believes that other signboards are in violation of Election Code Article 8.2.2.ii.3., the JUDICIAL BOARD recommends the PETITIONER to file complaints to the USAC Election Board. The JUDICIAL BOARD acknowledges that the USAC Election Board is not an investigative body, lacks the resources to exist as an investigative body, and relies on students to report violations to the Election Code.
4. At the time this memorandum was drafted, it was found that USAC Election Board added a second addendum to #C26-S2018 voiding the sanction in #C26-S2018.

The case will not be held for further review. As per the Official Rules of the Judicial Board, Article 1, §3, the denial of a “Petition for Consideration” should not be construed as an endorsement of either side of any issue.

Please refer to the Official Rules of the Judicial Board Article I for more information.

The Official Rules of the Judicial Board can be found on the USAC website at:

<https://www.usac.ucla.edu/jboard/docs/jboardrulesv2.pdf>

