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In The

*Judicial Board*

of the  
Undergraduate Students Association  
of  
UCLA

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*Hazrah Et Al.*

*v.*

*USAC Election Board*

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C O N S I D E R A T I O N

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Ramneek Hazrah

Matthew Richard

5/7/18

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USAC Election Board

[info@usacelectionboard.com](mailto:info@usacelectionboard.com)

Signatures (official use only):

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Chief Justice

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Clerk

**PART I: JURISDICTION**

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Stipulated by Election Code 11.4: “Election Board decisions may be appealed in writing to the Undergraduate Students Association Judicial Board. Initial petitions for hearing shall be made by 5:00 p.m. on the second (2nd) official school day following said decision, unless evidence pertinent to the case is made available after this deadline.” Election results were released on 5/4/2017 at approximately 6:00 PM. The deadline for an appeal in this case is on 5/8/2017 at 5:00 PM. Therefore, this appeal is within the accepted time frame and falls within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Board.

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**PART II: VIOLATIONS**

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**Enumeration of Violations**

Hazrah et al. formally appeal the decision of the USAC Election Board to announce election results without fully completing investigations into Election Code violations alleged in numerous filed complaints (#C61-S2018, #C62-S2018, #C66-S2018). Given the similarity and severity of these multiple reports of violations of the right to a secret ballot (Election Code 6.1) levelled against candidates Claire Fieldman, Izzy Gardner, Bella Martin, Victoria Solkovits, and Aneri Suthar, the Election Board failed to act on its mandated duty of fully investigating claims of wrongdoing (Election Code 2.7) and protecting the sanctity of elections in accordance with the USAC Constitution, Bylaws, and Election Code (USAC Constitution 9.B.1).

Additionally, Bella Martin and Victoria Solkovits’s slate, Bruins United, failed to comply with #C59-S2018, as evidenced by #C63-S2018 and #C65-2018. The Election Board failed to follow Election Code 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, and its own published statement on May 4, 2018 at 5:51 PM by not properly investigating and disciplining Bella Martin both before and after her election.

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### **PART III: RAMIFICATIONS**

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By failing to adhere to USAC Election Code articles 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3, the Election Board has failed to uphold the fairness and integrity of the 2018 USAC Election Process. By not properly taking the time to investigate the numerous reports of election violations on Friday, May 4, the Election Board failed to carry out its duties and has created the perception that campaign violations perpetrated late during election week carry no punishment. In addition, the lack of investigations into voter coercion and lack of subsequent disqualifications represents a failure of the Election Board to act in the public interest after releasing a statement confirming egregious conduct that could be worthy of disqualification. The Election Board's inaction in situations represents a dereliction of duty and further incentivizes campaigns in the future to knowingly engage in campaign acts that infringe upon the basic democratic rights guaranteed in our student elections, further eroding trust in UCLA's student government and democratic institutions.

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### **PART IV: REMEDY SOUGHT**

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Hazrah et al. seek a Preliminary Injunction from the Judicial Board to halt the certification of the 2018 USAC Election results by the USA Council so that the Judicial Board can adequately investigate and rule on widespread allegations of voter coercion by recently elected candidates Claire Fieldman and Bella Martin. The swearing-in and instatement of Claire Fieldman and Bella Martin as USA Councilmembers would constitute a significant change that would alter the ability of this petitioned case to be adjudicated by the Judicial Board.

Hazrah et al. also ask that should the Judicial Board find evidence that candidates Claire Fieldman, Izzy Gardner, Bella Martin, Victoria Solkovits, and Aneri Suthar engaged in voter coercion that undermined the credibility of the 2018 USAC Election, these candidates be disqualified from the 2018 USAC Election and assuming office.



**PART V: INFORMATION**



Petitioner: Ramneek Hazrah

SID: [REDACTED]

Council: Matthew Richard

SID: [REDACTED]



**PART VI: STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY**



By signing below, I hereby attest that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I have read and understand the Judicial Board Procedure (Rules).



Respectfully submitted,

DATED: 5/7/18



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Name **Ramneek Hazrah**  
Petitioner

DATED: 5/7/18



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Name **Matthew Richard**  
Counsel for  
Petitioner