



JUDICIAL BOARD

UCLA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Nicholas Yu, Chief Justice
DATE: Saturday, May 19, 2018
RE: Petition Denied: *Tapia et al. v. USAC Election Board*

On May 17, 2018, the JUDICIAL BOARD officially received a Petition for Consideration (No. 18-8) filed by PETITIONERS, Melissa Tapia and Asha Isse, against the RESPONDENT, USAC Election Board.

The Petition for Consideration alleges that USAC Election Board violated Election Code articles 6.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.1.4, and 8.1.5 in three (3) ways. (1) The USAC Election board failed to issue a reasonable sanction in #C59-2018 given that the violation was updated to “voter coercion.” (2) The investigation conducted by USAC Election board for complaints #C67-S2018, #C68-S2018, #C69-2018, #C70-2018, and #C71-2018 was negligent, unthorough, and inconsistent in its findings. (3) USAC Election Board’s decision not to disqualify the Bruins United Slate violated Election Code Article 8.2.8.

The remedy the PETITIONER requested was for the JUDICIAL BOARD to issue reasonable sanctions and disqualify candidates found guilty of voter coercion. The PETITIONER also requested that the JUDICIAL BOARD instruct USAC Election Board to disqualify candidates Claire Fieldman, Victoria Solkovits, Izzie Gardner, Aneri Suthar, and Bella Martin, or the entirety of the Bruins United Slate.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has DENIED the Petition for Consideration on the matter of *Tapia et al. v. USAC Election Board* for the following reasons:

1. The remedy sought by the PETITIONERS, specifically for the JUDICIAL BOARD to issue reasonable sanctions and disqualify candidates found guilty of voter coercion, is not within our jurisdiction.
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*.

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>