JUDICIAL BOARD

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M E M O R A N D U M

FROM: Abigail Chapman, Chief Justice
DATE: April 12, 2019
RE: <u>Petition Denied:</u> *Navkaran Gurm v. USAC Election Board*

On April 12, 2019, the JUDICIAL BOARD officially received a Petition for Consideration (No. 19-3) filed by PETITIONER, Navkaran Gurm against the RESPONDENT, USAC Election Board.

The Petition for Consideration alleges that the RESPONDENT, violated USAC Election Code Article 5.2.a.iii which requires that the candidacy petition filing deadline be held on a school day. The PETITIONER argues that the deadline, March 18th, 2019 is not a school day.

The Petition for Consideration also alleges that the RESPONDENT, violated USAC Election Code Article 3.2.3.d which prohibits signatures for a petition from being collected during finals week or over a quarter break. The PETITIONER argues that the deadline, March 18th, 2019, allows for the collection of signatures during finals week.

The remedy the PETITIONER sought was for the JUDICIAL BOARD to order the RESPONDENT to re-open the petition filing period for a minimum of one more school day and up to five school days.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has DENIED the Petition for Consideration on the matter of Navkaran Gurm v. Respondent for the following reason:

1. USAC Election Code Article 11.4.1 requires that appeals of decisions by the Election Board be made to the JUDICIAL BOARD by 5:00 p.m. on the second official school day following said decision. The decision by the RESPONDENT to set the deadline as March 18th, 2019 occurred at the latest on February 19th, 2019 when the USA Council voted to approve the Election Calendar.

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