In The
Judicial Board
of the
Undergraduate Students Association
of UCLA
USAC Request for Investigation into Officer-Elect Smedley
PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION
Robert Blake Watson  President, USAC
11/06/2019
Signatures (official use only):
Chief Justice Clerk

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# PART I: JURISDICTION

Article VI Section B, "Jurisdiction", parts 1 and 2, of the USA constitution stipulates that, "The Judicial Board shall rule upon the Constitutionality of legislation and official actions of elected or appointed officials at the request of the Council or any other members of the Association" and "The Judicial Board may also question, comment, or rule upon other matters at the request of the Council or any member of the Association."

# PART II: VIOLATIONS

## **Enumeration of Violations**

- 4. Campaigning in Residential Areas
- a. In addition to the provisions of this Election Code, campaigning in UCLA On Campus Housing shall be governed by the regulations, definitions, and protocol outlined in the UCLA On Campus Housing Student Handbook. Any violation of the UCLA On Campus Housing Student Handbook will also be considered a violation of the Election Code.
- i. The Residence Halls will be defined as <u>all areas governed by the Residential Life Office</u> west of Charles E. Young Drive.
- ii. In the UCLA On Campus Housing Handbook, the term "campaigning" is defined as any display on the part of any person for the purpose of convincing other people to vote for or against a candidate, initiative, referendum, constitutional amendment or recall.
- iii. Posting of campaign material is limited to the following stipulations:
- 1. Residents may post campaign material on the door of their perspective room. 33 2. In order to post campaign materials Designated Campaign Representatives will be allowed one (1) of the following:
- a. 14 posters no larger than 22" by 24" or b. 47 posters no larger than 11" by 17" 3. These posters must be submitted to the Residential Life Central Office. If approved, they will be distributed throughout public areas as seen fit by the Residential Life. *All Designated Campaign Representatives will*

have equal access to posting in the Residence Halls.

- iv. There will be NO campaigning on the individual floors including door-to-door campaigning, in person, or with printed material.
- v. Campaigning in the dining facilities is prohibited. vi. Use of mailboxes is permitted only through the regular U.S. Mail's postage and distribution process. The public address system may not be used for campaigning of any sort.
- vii. All posters must be removed and discarded within 24 hours after the election.
- viii. Distribution of campaign material of any kind is prohibited with the exception of the posting allowances.
- ix. Campaigning is prohibited on any University owned or managed living facility including but not limited to, University Apartments, Residence Halls, etc.
- c. Prohibited Behaviors
- i. Willfully violating a lawful order from the Election Board.
- ii. Intentionally falsifying information on any Election Board forms.
- iii. Registering similar party names to those already in existence. iv. Obstructing an investigation by the Election Board.
- v. Exceeding the campaign finance spending limits as defined in Article IX of this Election Code.
- vi. Placing any campaign literature on university property within the grounds of a university managed living facility. This shall include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor walls, waste receptacles, trees, public bulletin boards, and any other residential space. This item shall not prohibit the posting of literature inside rooms, including on windows, or on personal bulletin boards, provided in either case that the permission of the affected resident is obtained.

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If found to be true, such Election Code violations would have grossly distorted the results of elections to be non-reflective of a fair election for all participating candidates. Moreover, if such evidence and Election Code violations are allowed to be overlooked, this could allow for future candidates to violate election code without any tangible consequence in the event that the Election Board is inactive, unable, or unwilling to hear a complaint. Evidence surrounding these accusations was presented to Council only after voting had closed, and thus no new complaint could be submitted to the Election Board. Finally, if these accusations are found to be true, they likely would have resulted in one particular candidate to have an enormous advantage in outreach to students that was not available to any other candidate.

### PART IV: REMEDY SOUGHT

Per the Jurisdiction of Judicial Board, "The Judicial Board may also question, comment, or rule upon other matters at the request of the Council or any member of the Association", the USAC requests that Judicial Board rule upon the nature of the accusations of campaign violations committed by Orion Smedley's General Representative campaign for the USAC. The USAC asks that the Judicial Board make a ruling as to the validity of the alleged violations, and to rule upon an appropriate sanction or remedy. Upon ruling, and if the violations are found to be true, USAC requests that the ordered sanctions go into effect immediately as to not cause a further delay to the functions of the USAC.

#### PART V: INFORMATION

Petitioner: The USAC

Council: Robert Blake Watson

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#### 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

#### Respectfully submitted,

DATED: 06/05/2019 Petrot Water

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Counsel for Petitioner