

JUDICIAL BOARD

UCLA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Social Justice Referendum, Heather Rosen, Trent Kajikawa, USAC Election Board, & the Press |
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| FROM: | Rachel Beyda, Chief Justice |
| DATE: | May 5, 2016 |
| RE: | Decision: Social Justice Referendum, Heather Rosen, & Trent Kajikawa v. USAC Election Board |

On May 4, 2016, the JUDICIAL BOARD held a COURT OF HEARING for Case No. 16-1, Social Justice Referendum, Heather Rosen, & Trent Kajikawa v. USAC Election Board.

The JUDICIAL BOARD was asked to issue judgment on five questions:

- 1. Did the Election Board violate Election Code Article 9.3.5 by equating all referenda as non-executive candidates in their campaign expenditure limits?
- 2. Did the Election Board violate Election Code Article 9.3.4 by stating in previous communication that all referenda can spend an additional \$400 on their campaign?
- 3. Was the Election Board permitted to request that the Social Justice Referendum resubmit expense reports to reflect the campaign-spending limit?
- 4. Was the Election Board permitted to request that the Social Justice Referendum either deliver all goods purchased outside of the campaign-spending limit to the Election Board, or provide the Election Board with receipts confirming that the excess goods purchased had been returned to the stores at which they were purchased?
- 5. Did the Election Board arbitrarily set the campaign spending limits for referenda that it recommended, and if so, was the Election Board permitted to recommend arbitrary campaign spending limits for referenda to the USAC?

With regard to the first question, the JUDICIAL BOARD finds with the RESPONDENT, USAC Election Board, with a vote of 6-0 in its favor.

With regard to the second question, the JUDICIAL BOARD finds with the PETITIONERS, Social Justice Referendum, Heather Rosen, &Trent Kajikawa, with a vote of 6-0 in their favor.

With regard to the third question, the JUDICIAL BOARD finds with the RESPONDENT, USAC Election Board, with a vote of 6-0 in its favor.

With regard to the fourth question, the JUDICIAL BOARD finds with the RESPONDENT, USAC Election Board, with a vote of 6-0 in its favor.

With regard to the fifth question, the JUDICIAL BOARD finds with the RESPONDENT, USAC Election Board, with a vote of 6-0 in its favor.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has ruled that the USAC Election Board did not violate Election Code Article 9.3.5 by equating all referenda as non-executive candidates in their campaign expenditure limits. Therefore, the Social Justice Referendum has exceeded its spending limits by over \$6,000 and may be sanctioned accordingly at the discretion of the Election Board.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has ruled that the USAC Election Board violated Election Code Article 9.3.4 by stating in communication with the Social Justice Referendum that it could spend an additional \$400 on its campaign.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has ruled that the Election Board had the authority under Election Code 9.1.3.j. to request that the Social Justice Referendum resubmit expense reports to reflect the campaign spending limit, given that the original report failed to disclose all direct sources of funding.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has ruled that the Election Board had the authority under Election Code 8.2.8.e. and Election Code 8.2.7 to request that the Social Justice Referendum either deliver all goods purchased outside of the campaign-spending limit to the Election Board, or provide the Election Board with receipts confirming that the excess goods purchased had been returned to the stores at which they were purchased.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has ruled that the USAC Election Board did not arbitrarily set the campaign spending limits for referenda that it recommended to the USAC.

In accordance with the Official Rules of the Judicial Board, the full opinion will be made available within two weeks.

The Official Rules of the Judicial Board can be found on the USAC website at: <u>https://www.usac.ucla.edu/jboard/docs/jboardrulesv2.pdf</u>



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OFFICIAL ORDER

| FROM: | Rachel Beyda, Chief Justice |
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| DATE: | May 5, 2016 |
| RE: | Order: Social Justice Referendum, Heather Rosen, & Trent Kajikawa v. USAC Election Board |

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The JUDICIAL BOARD has moved and voted to issue an ORDER determined by the decision in *Social Justice Referendum, Heather Rosen, & Trent Kajikawa v. USAC Election Board.*

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: The Judicial Board admonishes the Election Board for wrongfully informing the Social Justice Referendum that it could spend an additional \$400 on its campaign. In order to rectify this error, we instruct Election Board to take the improperly stated \$1150 limit into consideration if it decides to impose any further sanctions on the Social Justice Referendum.

This order takes effect immediately.

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