

ASI Elections Complaint Form

Please note that any eligible student voter may file an election complaint.

If filing a complaint, submit the following by **Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM:**

- ASI Election Complaint Form via Jot Form
- The required \$25 deposit (per filed complaint) to the ASI Government Office in University Union, 3rd Floor, room 3250. The deposit must be in the form of a check or money order.

ATTENTION: PLEASE SEE SECTION IX AND X OF THE ASI ELECTION CODE BEFORE SUBMITTING

Members of the 2026 Elections Complaint Committee are:

Three (3) Student Members: Alec "Mono" Hunter, Xitlaly "Yan" Bernal, Zoya Altabaa

One (1) Faculty Member: Kimberly Chism, Criminal Justice (HHS)

One (1) Student Affairs Designee:

Jose Ballesteros, Assistant Vice President for Retention and Cultural Centers

Student Success and Academic Excellence

Complainant Name (Person filing the complaint) Kenni Jocabet Diaz Lopez

Complainant Information

SacLink Email Address



Complaint Allegations

Specify the sections of the ASI Elections Code you allege were violated and by whom. Describe their conduct, which you believe unfairly affected the election. Remember that only one candidate may be

named.

This complaint is filed against Harpreet Kaur Bahia, candidate for ASI Vice President of Finance, for violation of the ASI Elections Code related to failure to accurately disclose campaign expenditures. Under Article V.E of the ASI Elections Code, candidates are required to:

- Report all campaign expenses, regardless of amount
- Include all gifts, donations, or items at fair-market value
- Provide receipts for all purchased items

The Code further states that failure to provide receipts and fully disclose campaign expenditures is a violation and may result in disqualification.

Violation

During the official voting period (April 22–23, 2026), Harpreet Kaur Bahia’s campaign:

- Had donuts present at the campaign table on both voting days
- Distributed donuts to students as part of campaign engagement

However, after reviewing the official Campaign Expenditure Form submitted:

- The reported total is \$285.60
- There is no listing of donuts:
 - Not as a purchase
 - Not as a donation
 - Not as a discount or in-kind contribution
- There are no receipts provided for donuts or any related food items

Supporting Facts

- Donuts were present and distributed on both voting days (April 22 and April 23, 2026)
- This is confirmed by multiple witnesses and observations
- The donuts were clearly used as part of campaign activity at the table

Why This Is a Violation

This constitutes a clear violation of Article V.E because:

- Donuts used in campaigning are a campaign resource with monetary value
- Any such item must be reported at fair-market value, regardless of how it was obtained
- The absence of both listing and receipts demonstrates incomplete and inaccurate reporting

Additionally:

- The expenditure limit for independent candidates is \$350
- The reported total is already \$285.60
- Inclusion of the donuts could increase total spending significantly, potentially approaching or exceeding the limit

Impact on Election

- The donuts were used to attract students and increase engagement at the campaign table
- This provided a material campaign advantage
- The failure to disclose these items prevented transparent and fair enforcement of campaign

spending rules

Election results:

- Harpreet Kaur Bahia: 1,429 votes
- Kenni Diaz Lopez: 1,161 votes
- Margin: 268 votes

The undisclosed use of campaign resources contributed to increased voter engagement and support, affecting the outcome.

Conclusion

By failing to report donuts as either a purchase or donation and by not providing any receipt, Harpreet Kaur Bahia violated Article V.E (Campaign Expenditures) of the ASI Elections Code.

This represents a serious violation involving financial disclosure and campaign transparency, which undermines the fairness and integrity of the election process.

Evidence

Please provide a brief summary of the oral and written evidence in support of this complaint including the names of witnesses you expect to testify.

The following oral and written evidence supports this complaint regarding the failure to disclose donuts on the Campaign Expenditure Form:

1. Witness Testimony (Oral Evidence)

The following individuals are expected to testify:

- Shivjyot Singh Brar
 - Observed donuts present at the campaign table on both voting days (April 22 and April 23, 2026)
 - Confirmed that donuts were being distributed to students
- Sandra Delgado Candido
 - Observed donuts present on the campaign table during both voting days
 - Confirmed that donuts were given out to students as part of campaign activity
- Aadil Bhat
 - Observed open donuts present at the campaign table
 - Witnessed that donuts were being used during campaign interactions with students

2. Staff Knowledge (Supporting Evidence)

- Annalisa Vasquez (ASI Full-Time Staff)
 - Was made aware during the election that donuts were present and being distributed at the campaign table
 - Personally approached the campaign regarding the presence of donuts
 - This confirms that the use of donuts was known, observable, and addressed during the election period

3. Documentary Evidence (Written Evidence)

- Official Campaign Expenditure Form submitted by Harpreet Kaur Bahia
 - Total reported: \$285.60
 - The form contains:
 - § No listing of donuts
 - § No record of food-related purchases
 - § No disclosure of donations or in-kind contributions related to donuts
 - § No receipts provided for donuts

4. Key Contradiction

- Multiple witnesses and staff confirm:
 - Donuts were present and distributed on both voting days
- However, the official expenditure form:
 - Does not include donuts in any form (purchase, donation, or value disclosure)

This creates a direct contradiction between:

Observed campaign activity

Official financial disclosure

5. Summary

The evidence includes:

- Multiple eyewitness accounts confirming use of donuts across both voting days
- ASI staff awareness and involvement during the election
- Official financial records showing no disclosure of those items

This establishes that campaign materials with monetary value were used but not reported, demonstrating a clear violation of campaign expenditure requirements.

Remedy

Please propose one or more remedies that you find to be appropriate, and which the Elections Complaint Committee is authorized to grant under part X of the ASI Elections Code.

Disqualification of Harpreet Kaur Bahia from the Vice President of Finance position under Article X.D, on the grounds that:

The campaign used items of monetary value (donuts) during the election

These items were not reported in the Campaign Expenditure Form, either as a purchase or as a donation

No receipts were provided, as required under Article V.E

The failure to disclose campaign resources constitutes a serious violation of financial transparency and reporting requirements

The Elections Code explicitly requires full disclosure of all campaign expenditures, including donations at fair-market value. Failure to comply with these requirements undermines the integrity of the election process and meets the standard for disqualification when supported by clear and convincing evidence.