

# 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.

I, Kenni Diaz Lopez, candidate for Vice President of Finance, allege that candidate Harpreet Kaur Bahia violated Article V.I (Endorsements) of the ASI Elections Code and Article IX.D (Grounds for Complaint) by publicly claiming and receiving endorsement from the Sikh Student Association without submitting the required endorsement documentation, resulting in an unfair campaign advantage.

#### Violation of Article V.I – Endorsements

Article V.I of the ASI Elections Code states that before a candidate may claim an endorsement, a wet-signed Candidate Endorsement Letter must be physically submitted to the ASI Government Office by the deadline of April 17, 2026 at 12:00 PM PST.

After reviewing endorsement records at the ASI Government Office after the deadline, no endorsement form from the Sikh Student Association was on file for Harpreet Kaur Bahia.

Despite this:

- On April 20, 2026, Sikh Student Association posted content promoting Harpreet Kaur Bahia's candidacy on their Instagram story
- On April 21, 2026 (~3:30 PM), Harpreet Kaur Bahia posted a collaborative Instagram post with Sikh Student Association explicitly stating:

"Sikh Student Association endorses Harpreet Kaur Bahia"

- This post appeared on both:
  - o Harpreet Kaur Bahia's campaign account
  - o Sikh Student Association's official account
- Later that same day (~8:50 PM), the same endorsement message was shared on her Instagram story
- The endorsement content remained visible during the voting period and was later removed prior to the announcement of results

These actions constitute a clear violation of Article V.I, as the candidate publicly claimed an endorsement without submitting the required endorsement form.

#### Unfair Assistance Under Article IX.D

Under Article IX.D, a complaint may be filed if a candidate was unfairly aided during an election.

Harpreet Kaur Bahia, who serves as President of the Sikh Student Association, received coordinated support from the organization, including:

- Promotion through official Sikh Student Association social media accounts
- A collaborative endorsement post indicating official support
- Organized efforts encouraging students to vote for both the organization and the candidate

This coordinated support functioned as an official endorsement, despite the absence of a valid endorsement submission, and provided a significant and unfair campaign advantage.

#### Impact on Election Outcome

Election results:

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

Sikh Student Association received:

- 337 votes in Cash for Clubs (1st place)

The organization actively supported both the club and Harpreet Kaur Bahia, encouraging voters to support both.

Given that:

- The number of votes associated with the organization (337) exceeds the margin of victory (268)

It is reasonable to conclude that this unauthorized endorsement and organizational support contributed to the election outcome.

#### Summary

Harpreet Kaur Bahia:

- Publicly claimed an endorsement without submitting the required endorsement form
- Received coordinated organizational support functioning as an endorsement
- Gained an unfair campaign advantage as a result

These actions violate the ASI Elections Code and undermine 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 Evidence to support the claim has been sent via email to Associate Director "Harbir Atwal" and Executive Director "Hoan Nguyen" due to the file being large.

The following written and oral evidence supports this complaint regarding the unauthorized endorsement and support from the Sikh Student Association:

### 1. Social Media Evidence (Written Evidence – Attached in ZIP File)

The attached ZIP file includes screenshots and screen recordings documenting:

- A collaborative Instagram post (April 21, 2026) between Harpreet Kaur Bahia and Sikh Student Association explicitly stating:

“Sikh Student Association endorses Harpreet Kaur Bahia”

- Screen recordings showing that this post appeared on both the candidate’s account and the Sikh Student Association’s official Instagram account
- Instagram story posts from Harpreet Kaur Bahia sharing the same endorsement message on the same day
- A Sikh Student Association Instagram story (April 20, 2026) promoting Harpreet Kaur Bahia’s candidacy
- A WhatsApp group screen recording (April 22, 2026) showing a voting guide where Harpreet Kaur Bahia is selected, indicating organized support from the organization

These materials demonstrate that a public endorsement was claimed and promoted without a submitted endorsement form.

### 2. Witness Testimony (Oral Evidence)

The following individuals are expected to testify regarding the endorsement and coordinated support:

- Aadil Bhat
  - o Personally encountered a Sikh Student Association member on the second day of voting
  - o The individual stated they were supporting and helping get votes for both Harpreet Kaur Bahia and the Sikh Student Association
- Shivjyot Singh Brar
  - o Observed campaign members associated with Sikh Student Association asking students to vote for both the club and Harpreet Kaur Bahia
- Sandra Delgado Candido
  - o Observed campaign members asking students to vote for both Sikh Student Association and Harpreet Kaur Bahia

These testimonies support that the organization was actively promoting and supporting the candidate, functioning as an endorsement.

### 3. Endorsement Record Review

- After the official endorsement submission deadline (April 17, 2026 at 12:00 PM PST), endorsement forms were reviewed in the ASI Government Office
  - No endorsement form from Sikh Student Association for Harpreet Kaur Bahia was on file
- This confirms that no valid endorsement was submitted, despite public claims of endorsement.

### 4. Quantitative Context

- Sikh Student Association received 337 votes in the Cash for Clubs competition
- The Vice President of Finance election margin was 268 votes

Given that the organization publicly supported and promoted Harpreet Kaur Bahia, this demonstrates that the unauthorized endorsement and coordinated support had a measurable impact on the election.

### Summary

The evidence includes:

- Screenshots and recordings of endorsement claims and promotional content

- Witness testimony confirming coordinated support and campaigning
  - Verification that no endorsement form was submitted
  - Vote data demonstrating the impact of organizational involvement
- All supporting materials are included in the attached ZIP file and will be presented during the hearing.

## 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.

Based on the violation of Article V.I (Endorsements) and the resulting unfair assistance described above, I respectfully request that the Elections Complaint Committee consider the following remedies under Article X of the ASI Elections Code:

### Primary Remedy

- Disqualification of Harpreet Kaur Bahia from the Vice President of Finance position under Article X.D, on the grounds that:
  - o The candidate publicly claimed an endorsement without submitting the required endorsement form
  - o The candidate received coordinated support from Sikh Student Association that functioned as an endorsement
  - o These actions provided a significant and unfair campaign advantage

### Alternative Remedy

If the Committee determines that disqualification is not warranted, I request:

- Invalidation of the Vice President of Finance election and a rerun election under Article X.F, because:
  - o The unauthorized endorsement and coordinated organizational support created an irregularity in the election
  - o The margin of victory (268 votes) is smaller than the number of votes associated with the Sikh Student Association (337 votes)
  - o The candidate benefited from support that was not properly disclosed or authorized under the Elections Code

### Closing Statement

The public claim of an endorsement without proper submission, combined with coordinated organizational support, undermines the fairness and integrity of the ASI election process. I respectfully request that the Committee apply an appropriate remedy to ensure a fair and equitable election.