

# 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.F (Areas in Which Campaigning is Prohibited) and Article IX.D (Grounds for Complaint) of the ASI Elections Code by engaging in campaign conduct involving harassment, coercion, and undue pressure on voters, which unfairly affected the election.

#### Violation of Article V.F – Harassment and Improper Campaign Conduct

Article V.F prohibits harassment, including verbal or physical actions that interfere with individuals during the election process, and requires that campaigning be conducted in a respectful and non-coercive manner.

During the voting period (April 22–23, 2026), individuals associated with Harpreet Kaur Bahia’s campaign engaged in conduct that pressured and interfered with voters.

#### Coercion of Voters (Elevator Incident)

- Armando Julian Perez personally experienced an incident in which he and his friend were stopped near an elevator by individuals associated with the campaign
- They were told that if they did not vote, they would not be allowed to press the elevator button
- This action interfered with their ability to freely move and pressured them to vote under coercive conditions

This constitutes direct coercion and interference with voters, which violates the requirement that voting must be voluntary and free from pressure.

#### Persistent and Pressuring Campaign Behavior

- Witnesses reported that individuals associated with the campaign were:
  - Stopping students and repeatedly asking if they had voted
  - Encouraging students to vote in a way that made them feel obligated or pressured
  - Asking for votes in a rude manner
- Evan Ewart reported that he heard from other students that individuals assisting Harpreet Kaur Bahia were asking for votes in a rude manner
- Witnesses also observed that individuals going around campus asking for votes were:
  - Requesting votes for both Sikh Student Association (Cash for Clubs) and Harpreet Kaur Bahia
  - Acting as representatives associated with the club while campaigning

This demonstrates that campaign activity involved coordinated efforts by individuals connected to the organization, and that Harpreet Kaur Bahia was benefiting from these actions while voters were being pressured.

#### Unfair Impact on Election (Article IX.D)

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

The conduct described above:

- Pressured voters to take action
- Interfered with students’ ability to freely make voting decisions
- Created an unequal and coercive campaigning environment

Election results:

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

Due to pressuring students the votes were obtained unfairly to support Harpreet Kaur Bahia.

#### Summary

Harpreet Kaur Bahia’s campaign:

- Engaged in behavior that pressured and coerced voters
- Interfered with students’ ability to freely participate in the election
- Benefited from coordinated efforts by individuals asking for votes in a manner inconsistent with fair campaigning

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 following oral and written evidence supports this complaint regarding harassment, coercion, and voter pressure during the ASI election:

### 1. Witness Testimony (Oral Evidence)

The following individuals are expected to testify regarding campaign conduct:

- Armando Julian Perez
  - Personally experienced an incident near an elevator where he and his friend were stopped by individuals associated with the campaign
  - They were told that if they did not vote, they would not be allowed to press the elevator button
  - This demonstrates direct coercion and interference with voters
- Evan Ewart
  - Reported that he heard from other students that individuals assisting Harpreet Kaur Bahia were asking for votes in a rude manner
- Aadil Bhat
  - Personally encountered individuals associated with Sikh Student Association during the voting period
  - They stated they were actively asking for votes for both Harpreet Kaur Bahia and the club, confirming coordinated efforts while engaging voters
- Shivjyot Singh
  - Observed individuals associated with the campaign going around and asking students to vote for both Sikh Student Association and Harpreet Kaur Bahia
- Sandra Candido
  - Observed individuals associated with the campaign asking students to vote for both Sikh Student Association and Harpreet Kaur Bahia

### 2. Observed Campaign Behavior

- Multiple witnesses confirm that individuals associated with the campaign were:
  - Stopping students and asking if they had voted
  - Repeatedly requesting votes across campus
  - Asking for votes in a manner perceived as rude and pressuring
- Witnesses also confirm that these individuals were:
  - Asking for votes for both Sikh Student Association and Harpreet Kaur Bahia simultaneously
  - Acting in coordination as part of a broader campaign effort

This demonstrates a pattern of persistent and pressuring voter interaction.

### 3. Summary

The evidence includes:

- Direct witness testimony of coercion (elevator incident)
- Multiple witness accounts of rude and pressuring campaign behavior
- Observations of coordinated efforts to solicit votes across campus

This evidence supports that voters were pressured and interfered with during the election process, and that the conduct described contributed to an unfair campaign advantage.

## 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.

Remedy

- Disqualification of Harpreet Kaur Bahia from the Vice President of Finance position under Article

X.D, on the grounds that:

- Individuals associated with the campaign engaged in coercion and harassment of voters
- Voters were pressured and interfered with, including being told they could not proceed unless they voted
- These actions represent a very serious violation that undermines the integrity of the election process