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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE ELECTIONS COUNCIL OF  
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS, INC.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the general public and to all of the Board of Directors of Associated Students of CSU Channel Islands, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, that:

A meeting of the ASI Elections Council will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. pursuant to Education Code Section 89921 et seq., at California State University Channel Islands, via Zoom:

<https://csuci.zoom.us/j/85145477669?from=addon>, to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order: 4:01 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call:
  - a. Council Members: Allen Monge, Katherine Barillas, Stacey Ayer, Venus Tamayo, Renee Fuentes, Andrew Fox
  - b. Members of the Public: Annie Block-Weiss (Advisor to the Council), Quinn Hodge (Complainant) (Left at 4:45pm), Emily Conde (Respondent), Rocio Banda (Respondent), Jasey Cano, Andrea Lopez (Left at 4:46pm), Jonathan Dean (arrived at 4:57pm), Josue Reyes Torres (arrived at 4:15pm)
- 3) Formal Elections Council Hearing:
  - a. A. Monge made a statement on how the hearing would proceed:
    - i. The case will be heard first from the complainant, Quinn Hodge. When called, the complainant will have five minutes to make their case. After the Council will be allowed to ask questions of the complainant. After which, the Council will ask if there are any witnesses that can lend additional information relevant to the complaint. Witnesses will have a sum total of ten minutes to present their testimony. Then the Council will hear from the respondents, Emily Conde and Rocio Banda, who will have up to five minutes to respond to the charges presented against them. After, the Council can ask questions of the respondents. After which, the Council will ask if there are any witnesses that can share any additional information relevant to the respondent's testimony. Witnesses again will have a total sum of ten minutes. At any time, the Council reserves the right to ask any follow-up questions of any of the complainants, respondents, or witnesses at any time. Then the Council will move to deliberations, where this portion is closed for comment by the public, unless a complainant, respondent, or witness is specifically addressed by a member of the Council. Anyone can remain in the zoom room but must remain muted. Then the Council will review all the testimony and determine if there has been a violation to the ASI Election code. Then the Council has five different remedies: 1) Dismiss the complaint, 2) Refer the complaint to the Dean of Students for potential violation of the Student Code of Conduct, 3) Provide a written warning, 4) Remove candidate for the elections, 5) Call for a new election. After a remedy has been determined, then the hearing will be concluded. Then the Council will move on to Case 3. Lastly, please note that this hearing is being audio recorded and all Council members, complainant, respondents, and witnesses should have their cameras on. Advisor Block-Weiss will keep time.
  - b. Case 2: Alleged violation by the Conde/Banda campaign
    - i. Complainant: Quinn Hodge
      1. Testimony: Congratulated Emily and Rocio in winning the election and has had a great time running against them, and has enjoyed working them in different capacities. Shared an example about selling girl scout cookies at her moms work, and the intimidation that that created for the employees. On Monday, April 7, a friend told Quinn that a flyer had been distributed in their room, and then got another text from a resident that a flyer was in their room after room checks, and she felt scared and wasn't sure what it was. Quinn followed up,

and does know the RA in question is not a part of the campaign team, but feels there is a loop hole in the code, since it is all on the candidates to say who is on their campaign team. None of Quinn's witnesses are here today and understands they bare the burden of proof as the complainant. Additionally shared that Quinn saw Rocio cutting the flyers in housing, that ended up in the rooms in housing. Feels there needs to be oversight so this doesn't happen in the future.

a. Questions:

- i. R. Fuentes: Can you clarify who the RA was that did this?
  1. Q. Hodge: Andrea Lopez
- ii. A. Fox: Do you have any evidence or testimony that links this to the ticket?
  1. Just the work chat group text.
- iii. A. Fox: Do you believe that the ticket asked the RA to do this?
  1. Q. Hodge: No does not have anything to link them, but feels that the code has a loop hole in regards to the campaign team.
- iv. A. Monge: Do you have any evidence?
  1. Q. Hodge: showed a screenshot of the texts that were sent to them about the flyer. Stated that those who sent the text asked to remain anonymous, as was afraid of retaliation. And shared a flyer on a desk. Noted that the screenshot of the group chat is just general promotion and did not show it.
- v. A. Fox: We do not have a screenshot of the group chat?
  1. Q. Hodge: Yes, but it was not in regard to the flyers, so does not really apply.

b. Witnesses: None

ii. Respondents: Emily Conde & Rocio Banda

1. Testimony: Thanked the Council for being here and appreciates that this process is occurring to make sure it is a fair process. Cited the solicitation of the code. April 7, room checks started at 3:14pm, Andrea Lopez entered Emily Conde's room and was working on election materials, and said she could share with friends if she like. Emily Conde did not direct Andrea to go door to door or ask to distribute into resident rooms. Upon hearing of this complaint, did not know that Andrea distributed the flyers at all. Addressed the text about the student being scared and it was stated that that affected Emily deeply, as that is not the point of the elections process. Andrea Lopez is here as their witness. Understands the code and did not do this or direct Andrea to violate the code. Their ticket values fairness and respect and that is important to them. Rocio Banda shared that they have evidence from a direct supervisor that they did not know that Andrea did this.

a. Questions:

- i. A. Fox: Walk the Council through the play by play when Andrea Lopez entered.
- ii. E. Conde: Was working on lollipops and flyers when Andrea entered, told her she was running for president, Andrea asked how she can support Emily, recommended going on the ASI website, and gave some handouts, since our Instagram is on there, so go ahead and give to your friends, but did not direct to give out during room checks.
- iii. R. Fuentes: Were you in your room? Are you employed in housing?
  1. E. Conde: Yes was in their room and not employed by housing.
- iv. A. Fox: When did you become aware of this?

1. E. Conde: Saw Quinn's reply to the solicitation clarification email, and assumed it was them since they were candidates in housing with Quinn.
  - v. V. Tamayo: How frequent are room checks done? As residents, are you informed that an RA can enter your room without consent?
    1. R. Banda: Usually done the first week of month and yes.
  - vi. R. Fuentes: After Andrea did room checks, did anyone approach you and say I got your flyer?
    1. E. Conde: No one approached
- b. Witnesses:
  - i. Andrea Lopez: Clarified that she was not asked or encouraged to go door-to door and that Emily Conde said could share with friends. Also did not tell Emily that she was going to share flyers with her residents. The intention was to be supportive. However, had no idea this was prohibited or would cause anything negative on Emily or Rocio and does not believe this should reflect on them in any way. They had nothing to do with this, and it was not their fault and they had no idea she was distributing the flyers to residents. Room checks, value residents autonomy and privacy. Andrea reminds her residents a week before and a few days before and five minutes before, and lets them know they are going to key in. And have to do room checks per housing guidelines. Additionally, did bump into Quinn earlier, and did say they shared the flyers, but no one told Andrea to do it and just did it to support them.
  - ii. Questions:
    1. A. Fox: Were you able to hear Emily's testimony, Andrea affirmed yes, and asked if that was an accurate depiction of what happened in Emily's room and Andrea affirmed yes.
    2. S. Ayer: Is it allowed to leave flyers when a resident is not present?
      - a. A. Lopez: Did it personally to be supportive and can leave flyers on the door as well.
  - iii. Deliberations:
    1. The Council discussed that based off the allegations there is no real accusation here and it is true that the flyers were distributed as both parties have shared and believes that there is an opportunity in the code to make edits to assist with this in the future. The Council also said that the loop hole brought to the Council is something that the Council can look into for the future and believes there is no need for a repercussion for the ticket as the Council does not believe that the ticket broke the code.
  - iv. Vote: A. Fox: I move that Conde/Banda did not violate the code and moves to dismiss the complaint. A. Monge seconded. Motion passes 6-0-0.
- c. Case 3: Potential finance violation by the Conde/Banda campaign
  - i. The Conde/Banda ticket notified the ASI Elections Council that they would submit their receipts but did not. The Council received the receipts yesterday afternoon. The total of all receipts was \$55.98.
  - ii. Respondents: Emily Conde & Rocio Banda
    1. Testimony: Emily Conde takes full responsibility for not submitting on time, but asks the Council to take this reason into consideration, on April 10, had to leave campus early to pick up Aunt from the airport and notified their work of this needed change. The finance email was not sent until after leaving campus asking for them Sunday by 8am, but the receipts were in their dorm room and

was not able to return until Tuesday morning. Realized on Monday that had not submitted the receipts and notified the Council of this and said would supply them. There was no intent to circumvent the code, and it was an accident due to the election week and the personal reasons that affected this oversight. Respectfully requests the Council considers these circumstances.

a. Questions:

i. A. Monge: At the time to submit, was not on campus?

1. E. Conde: Correct, and did not have the receipt as they were in their dorm.

iii. Deliberation: The Council understands that everyone running are students and it is a stressful time of year. The Council agrees that it did miss the deadline, but that there wasn't anything in the finances that would have impacted the outcome of the elections in this scenario.

iv. Vote: A. Fox: I move to issue a written warning to the Conde/Banda ticket for not submitting their receipts in a timely manner. A. Monge seconds, the motion passes 6-0-0.

4) Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

Any interested person may submit documents in support of, opposition to, or otherwise related to complaints to the ASI Elections Council Chair prior to the hearing. No new evidence will be considered for cases that have already been heard. Documents submitted should bear the title and name of the submitter and a brief statement of the submitter's connection with or interest in the complaint. These documents will be distributed to the individual with the alleged accusation. Submissions may be directed to [asielectionsCouncil@csuci.edu](mailto:asielectionsCouncil@csuci.edu) and must be received prior to the public hearing.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Annie Block-Weiss, ASI Assistant Director.