



DASG Student Election Complaint Form



Name: Francesca Pia Cacchione

Cell/Mobile Phone: ([REDACTED]) time to reach you? Anytime

Email Address: [REDACTED]

CWID #: [REDACTED]

1. Who was involved?

"Elevate" Coalition:

2. Aroush Fatima, Varshi Pathca, Lakshya Saini, Shreyas Menon, Kunishka Mundada

What parts of the DASG Elections Code, DASG Bylaws, DASG Code of Conduct, FHDA Standards of Student Conduct (AP 5510), Student Election Posting Guidelines, or other Governing Documents have been violated?

DASG Election Code: : Article IV, Section 2, Sub Section D and E

DASG Election Code: Article IV, Section 2, Sub-Section F, sub-sub-Section 8

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE OFFICER CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS, Section 2: Campaign Conduct

3. List all the facts that substantiate your claim. Attach any documents you wish to have considered.

First of all, I would like to briefly explain the reasons that brought me to write this complaint. I have been witnessing multiple times the "Elevate" coalition engaging in campaign activities that directly violate the Elections Code; after witnessing the last episode, I became seriously concerned on what was happening during these Elections, therefore I decided I had to raise my voice regarding what I have witnessed. On Monday, March 3, 2025, the "Elevate" Coalition was actively campaigning in front of the PBL club room in Forum 1. The club president, Javin, had explicitly instructed all candidates that campaigning is prohibited in PBL. However, the coalition decided to campaign to individuals queued to enter the room (disrupting the flow of the line, so blocking the pathway to the Forum); those in line were unable to leave or avoid the campaigners without risking their place in line. I was not attending the PBL meeting, but I happened to witness all of this, since I was very close to Forum 1. I saw the Elevate coalition pressuring the people who were in line to vote for them, and I would like to emphasize that the coalition was actively trying to influence the voting process as well, mainly by standing in front of club participants with their qr codes, not willing to leave without making the club participants vote for them; this situation appears to violate the rules twice, as no campaigning process should obstruct people from entering a building, and as no candidate should pressure students to vote for them. I was later contacted by one of the people who were approached by some members of the

coalition, as the whole coalition was distributed along the line of people, and they expressed their concerns to me regarding what they had witnessed, ultimately deciding they wanted to be a witness; this person has sent an email to DASGElections@fhda.edu with their school email account, but wishes to remain completely anonymous. I have attached the email to this complaint form, carefully removing any private information. In addition to this, I would like to highlight the fact that this is not the first time I have seen the coalition blocking pathways, as I also happened to see them blocking people at the entrance of the MLC building during the second week of the elections, perhaps hoping nobody would suspect them being in a building which is far from the center of campus. Before being a candidate, I am a student, and in hope of having a fairly elected 2025-2026 student government, I would like to thank you for your attention regarding these occurrences.

Francesca Pia Cacchione

Signature

03/06/2025

Date

Complaints must be based on firsthand knowledge, cannot be anonymous, the complainants' and candidates' names will be public, and the complainants and candidates must attend the DASG Administration Committee meetings and/or the DASG Election Certification and Complaint meeting as requested.

Completed form must be submitted to DASGElections@fhda.edu by 4:00 pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

You must attend the DASG Election Certification and Complaint meeting at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 in the DASG Office (sign above door says DASB) in the lower level of the Campus Center.

Complaint about DASG

Elections



10:47 PM



to DASGElections ▾

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED], a student at De Anza, and I am writing this email because I am concerned about something that occurred during the elections and I believe I should inform you regarding this. I would like to specify that I want to remain completely anonymous, I do not want to be involved in any complaint meetings, nor do I want people inside or outside the Senate to know who I am. I would also like to specify that campaigning at the PBL club has been prohibited by the president of the club and nobody has been allowed to campaign there.

On Monday March 3rd 2025, I was attending our weekly PBL meeting in the Forum 1 at De Anza College. Right before the entrance of the Forum, there was a line of people who were signing in, in order to be able to attend the meeting. The "Elevate" coalition approached the line, and started campaigning to the club members who were in line, despite campaigning being prohibited in PBL.

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I was personally approached by Kunishka Mundada, who is running for DASG Elections. Kunishka approached me and asked if I had a few minutes to talk. I hesitantly looked around at my fellow club members, and without getting a reply from me, she began campaigning; she talked about her running for student trustee. She put the flyer in front of my face and said "Vote for me". I kindly told her that I had already voted, in attempt to close the conversation, since she was practically forcing me to vote for her. I had not casted my vote at the time, however, instead of accepting my answer and leaving, she kept saying: "Oh, you can change your vote, so vote for me right now".

This is what led me to write this email; I felt forced and pressured to vote for her. I do not think this is how election campaigns should work, which is why I wanted to raise my voice regarding this.

I would like to reiterate that I wish to remain completely anonymous.

Thank you for your time,