

# INVESTIGATIONS

## NOTICE OF FINDING

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**COMPLAINT:** The Social Justice Referendum has exceeded its spending cap by \$6,656.53, as well as failed to report the source of \$3,406.53

**FILED BY:** Finance Committee, Election Board

**ALLEGED VIOLATION:** The Spending Cap for ballot propositions shall be \$750.00 for the Election. The Social Justice Referendum has submitted expense reports declaring expenses of \$7,406.53, of which they have reported the source for only \$4,000.

**ELECTION CODE ARTICLE(S) CITED:**

**9.3.5.a.** Ballot propositions shall adhere to the same spending limits and consequent sanctions as candidates and slates.

**9.2.2.** Non-Executive position candidates are allowed to spend a fixed monetary amount to be determined by the Election Board Chairperson, of which the value will fall between \$650-\$800 on their USAC campaign. This range shall be adjusted every three (3) years according to the Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index (CPI).

**9.3.6.1.** The Election Board Finance Committee shall investigate charges against party signatories/candidates who allegedly commit violations or fail to adhere to any of the rules above. The Finance Committee shall not counsel any party members.

**9.1.3.j.** Failure to adhere to any of the rules above including, but not limited to, misrepresentation of funding sources, failure to report direct sources of funding, failure to report expenditures, etc. will result in sanctions, with the potential of disqualification. Failure to turn in expense reports and direct sources is means for immediate disqualification as a candidate. Falsifying their expenditure/sources is means for immediate disqualification. Any funds distributed through a source from an unidentified individual is means for disqualification.

**FINDING:** The Social Justice Referendum has exceeded their Spending Cap as agreed to by the Spending Limits Contract, as well as failed to report sources of funding for all expenses.

**SANCTION:** The Social Justice Referendum shall not participate in any on-campus campaigning from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Monday, May 2nd, 2016. A Social Justice Referendum representative shall submit modified expense reports to the Election Board Office at Kerckhoff 519 by 10:00 AM on Monday, May 2nd.

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Suman Padhi, Investigations Director

5/1/2016  
Date

4:00 p.m.  
Time