

October 7, 2022

Decision CSU 2022 #2 Re: Voting Solicitation Violation

The attached complaint was received as timely and met requirements of an official complaint under the CSU regulations.

The complaint states that Jashan Brar violated the CSU election policy on harassment by approaching members, asking them if they voted and how they voted (or if they voted for him).

The allegations brought by the member are concerning, but it's uncertain if a breach of the CSU election regulations occurred. The complainant states that Jashan "has been approaching people every day for a few days now and asking them if they have voted and if they have voted for him specifically. The complaint continues by stating that Jashan has made a number of people "very uncomfortable and intimidating people into voting for him..."

The initial portion of the complaint describes reasonable campaigning, by approaching people and asking if they've voted so far, however asking members if they have voted for him is inappropriate and if in fact intimidation of voters to cast a ballot for him occurred that would be grounds for sanction. Indeed, the secrecy of the vote is a primary foundation of any election. As well, the ability to cast ones vote without duress is critical. However, the complaint lacks compelling evidence to prove these incidents occurred.

Given this lack of evidence, the complaint is dismissed.

I note that the complainant has 48 hours from the time they receive this decision to submit an appeal in the manner set forth in CSU Regulation BD-06.1.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Laufer", is written over a horizontal line.

Ron Laufer  
CSU Election Administrator

## ANNEX 1

### Official Complaint

Complaint Date: 6/10/2022 21:25  
Complainant: Anonymous  
When issue occurred: 4/10/2022  
Candidate: Jashan Brar  
Complaint: I was in the line for subway with my friends and Jashan Brar approached me asking me if I had voted and I said yes. He further asked if I voted for him to which I thought he was making a joke but he was actually asking me if I voted for him. I did not feel comfortable and felt intimidated and scared to say no and I said yes even though I hadn't voted for him. I feel like the entire reason for the student elections is for students to feel represented and respected at the university and I did not feel that by him trying to intimidate me. I have friends who went through the same as well.

Resolution requested: Disqualification

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### RESPONSE FROM JASHAN BRAR

**Jashan Brar**

Fri, Oct 7,  
6:01 PM

to me

**I just asked the questions during casual conversation with good intention by abiding all the rules and regulations. I'm sorry the complainant believes it made them or students uncomfortable. I do think they are trying to speak for all voting students which they can't and shouldn't. Again, this is an alleged fake feelings claim against me which has no "unfair practices" incident mentioned. So I don't see how this makes any difference.**

**Thanks,  
Jashan Brar**