



THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

**In Re: 2018 First-Year Election Late Financial
Disclosure 2 Submission**

CHIEF JUSTICE BIRENBAUM delivers the opinion. JUSTICE
SLAGLE, JUSTICE DARROW, JUSTICE NGUYEN, and
JUSTICE JEON join.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STUDENT
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AT AUSTIN**

No. 2018 Fall – 006

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The official timeline for the 2018 First-Year Representative Election indicates that all candidates must submit a full and complete disclosure of campaign finances prior to 4:30PM on September 24th, 2018. This information was communicated to all candidates at a mandatory candidate seminar on September 18, 2018. This information was also communicated by email to the candidates on September 24th, 2018.

In accordance with Advisory Opinion #2 delivered fall 2018 and the presentation that was delivered at the candidate seminar on September 18, all candidates who fail to submit the second financial disclosure prior to its deadline will have a Class C violation levied against them and receive no less than a 20% reduction in spending limit and a moratorium on campaigning.

The candidate(s) who failed to submit the second financial disclosure in a timely manner is as follows:

- Ashish Dave
- Tejas Tuppera
- Sergio Tarango
- Tyler Bower



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This Court finds a hearing on this matter to be unnecessary due to a lack of question of fact. The Court also wishes to inform all candidates who have received sanctions that they are still responsible for filing the second financial disclosure in addition to the third financial disclosure that is due at 4:30 PM on September 26th, 2018. Any candidate who fails to submit the second financial disclosure prior to the deadline of the third financial disclosure shall receive a Class D violation and be immediately disqualified from the race. Pursuant to the presentation delivered at the mandatory candidate seminar, all candidates listed above receive a Class C violation. The sanctions for this violation shall be a \$40.80, calculated as twenty percent of \$204, reduction in total spending limits and a 24-hour moratorium on campaigning beginning on Tuesday, September 25 at 11:00 AM and ending on Wednesday, September 26 at 11:00 AM.

Any candidate who has already received a reduction in spending limits shall have this \$40.80 deducted from his/her already reduced spending limit. The parameters of the moratorium shall be as follows:

- The candidate and his/her agents/workers shall not initiate any campaign activity or actively contribute to the candidate's campaign for the duration of the moratorium
- The candidate and his/her campaign affiliates shall not generate any new social media content for the duration of the moratorium
- The candidate and his/her campaign affiliates shall not make any attempt to solicit votes or draw attention to his/her campaign for the duration of the moratorium
- The candidate and his/her campaign affiliates are not required to delete any social media content that has been created prior to the start of the moratorium (i.e. social media posts and profile pictures need not be deleted)

Any of the above-mentioned candidates will be subject to hearing and further sanctions if they are found to be in violation of the parameters of the moratorium. The Court wishes to remind candidates that if they witness or suspect a violation of the parameters outlined above they have the right to file a complaint against the perceived violator.

The Court also wishes to remind candidates that a late submission of financial disclosure three will result in a Class D violation and immediate disqualification.

It is so ordered.