



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CODE

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I. Purpose

1. To ensure a fair, democratic, and transparent election process for the Student Government.

II. Eligibility

1. Candidates must be enrolled students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
2. Candidates that hold a position within a club are ineligible to run for a position on the Executive Board.
3. Only middle college seniors or above can run for a position.

III. Nominations

1. Procedure: Candidates can self-nominate.
2. Deadline: Nominations close on February 29th, 2024.
3. Meet your candidates: An opportunity to meet election candidates will be held on March 11th, 2024.

IV. Campaigning Rules

1. Campaigning can begin once a formal email is given confirming eligibility, and end on March 24th, 2024.
2. Each candidate can use up to \$200 for campaign materials such as flyers, banners, or giveaways provided by the student government. Candidates are not allowed to use more than the budget or their own funds for campaigning for fairness. Candidates must submit a request form for promotional campaigning materials.
3. No slanderous, discriminatory, or harmful content. Respect for all candidates is mandatory.
4. Candidates must campaign in a civilized manner. No harassment, intimidation, defamation, or libel of other candidates is allowed.
5. Campaigning in the library is prohibited.
6. Candidates must run for themselves; they cannot have family members or non-students' campaign for them. Other students not running can support the candidate's campaign.
7. Candidates are not allowed to have a political affiliation during their campaign (i.e. Democratic or Republican).
8. Candidates must run independently; no group affiliation is allowed. (i.e. grouping together with other candidates to collect votes)
9. Votes must be cast by the voters themselves. For example, candidates are not allowed to prefill information on the voter's behalf and the voters may not use candidates' devices.



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V. Election Procedure

- 1. Voting Method:** Votes are cast online and must be cast on the voter's device, not on the voter's device. All enrolled students are eligible to vote. Votes will be released on the Friday of the election.
- 2. Timeline:** Voting opens on April 8th, 2024, and closes at 11:59 pm on April 14th, 2024.
- 3. Anonymity:** Votes are confidential and anonymous.

VI. Counting Votes

- 1. Process:** Votes will be cast and recorded via Microsoft Forms. Any duplicate votes (i.e. using the same W-number) will be discarded, and only the first original vote cast will be counted.
- 2. Votes will be announced** midway through the elections to showcase the current standing. This will occur on April 10th, 2024.
- 3. Personnel:** Votes will be counted by the LPCSG Advisor and the LPCSG Director of Legislation. If the Director of Legislation is a candidate, then they will be replaced.

VII. Handling Disputes

- 1. Committee:** A neutral Election Committee will handle disputes. The current Director of Legislation will serve on the Election Committee along with three student government members.
- 2. Eligibility:** If the candidate is a current member of LPCSG, then they cannot serve on the election committee.
- 3. Process:** Complaints can be submitted anytime during the campaign period. Candidates can contest the votes. All complaints will be submitted on a complaint form.
- 4. Decision:** If a candidate violates the campaigning rules, they will be issued a warning by the Election Committee. A second violation will disqualify the candidate from running. Decisions made by the committee are final.

VIII. Results

- 1. Announcement:** Results will be announced during the Senate meeting after campaigning (TBA).
- 2. Majority Rule:** The candidate with the most votes wins a position. If a candidate wins multiple positions, then they will choose from the positions they won. The remaining position will go to the runner-up.
- 3. Feedback:** Participants are encouraged to provide feedback on the election process.