

POLITICAL VOICES FOR CHANGE AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION - 2024-2025

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Our mission is to provide students with resources to understand how local elections and policies intersect with global issues, fostering a community where students are empowered to make impactful change. We aim to create an informed and active student body by raising awareness of critical local and global issues, including local policies and international crises. Through educational workshops, civic engagement activities, and leadership development programs, we inspire students to take an active role in student government, community initiatives, and beyond.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Sect. 1 - Any undergraduate student at UC San Diego and who voluntarily accepts and pledges to carry out this organization's program and policies is eligible for membership.

Sect. 1 - It is highly recommended that organizations include a non discrimination statement in their constitution. Membership in a Registered Student Organization shall be open to any student, consistent with the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement for University of California Publications regarding Student-Related Matters, with the exception that membership in an officially recognized sorority or fraternity may be limited by gender. (UCOP Policy on Registered Campus Organizations, Section 70.10).

- **UCOP:** <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710522/PACAOS-20>
- **UC San Diego:** https://ophd.ucsd.edu/policies-procedures/nps_student.html

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

The organization will be meeting once a week. An active member will be required to come to three meetings each quarter per year to sustain their membership in the organization.

ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

Sect.2 - The leadership of our organization shall be composed of at least two officers known as Co-presidents, who will have to follow these regulations:

- Must be Principal members
- Elected by other organizations of officers
- They must Facilitate general meetings:
 - Maintain and accurately record all financial records.
 - Create new offices to the leadership board and fill vacancies if necessary.
 - Review constitutional amendments.
 - Act as an official representative of the organization.
 - Communicate with their team efficiently and effectively

IV. Voting and Elections

- I. Only principal members and officers have the right to vote in elections.
- II. A two-thirds majority shall be required for a vote to become binding.
- III. Write-in voting is illegal and shall nullify its affiliated ballot.

V. Elections

- I. Elections shall occur at least on yearly basis.
- II. Elections shall be held to select the office holder of any newly established officer position on the leadership board.
- III. All elections shall be held by secret ballot.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego will not expose members to health risks. We will use standard campus or city emergency services but no additional health protections will be required.

POLITICAL VOICES FOR CHANGE AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION - 2024-2025**ARTICLE VII. SECTION 1. IN CASE OF INTERACTION WITH MINORS AND/OR ELDERLY**

Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via UC Learning <https://uclearning.ucsd.edu> . Political Voices for Change will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 2. IN CASE OF THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

In our events, Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego we will not be providing medical assistance. Our event will not be catered today for medical assistance. In case of emergency, we will be calling 9-1-1.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 3. IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and healthcare services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important. International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 4. IN CASE OF HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT, AND/OR MACHINERY

Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego recognizes that all student organization activities must be conducted safely, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. Additionally,

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Political Voices for Change at UC San Diego will abide by UC San Diego requirements for students in labs, including policies for minors in UC laboratories, and ensure members receive safety training regarding the use of chemicals and/or machinery before entering the lab. Members must follow any best practices and lab safety protocols for the use of such chemicals, research equipment or machinery, including the appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment, and should work under close supervision of those trained in the handling of chemicals/use of research equipment or machinery.

ARTICLE VIII. HAZING PREVENTION

Sect. 1. - All of our members have all been taught what hazing is and trained in identifying hazing on campus. If any further education is needed, the president of the organization will ask school resources to provide workshops for more in-depth education To prevent hazing we are overseeing general meetings and everyday operations to ensure that no hazing is being inflicted on our members. Our organization know the repercussions if hazing is found to have happened in our organization

ARTICLE IX. COMMUNITY MENTOR

Sect. 1 - Our organization does not need a mentor because we are a nonprofit organization.

ARTICLE X. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Sect. 1 - Our organization will be using school grants.

Sect 2 - Political Voices for Change is a non-profit organization where all of our proceeds go towards events and raising awareness about politics.

Sect 3. - Our organization will submit a budget to the A.S. and G.S.A. finance committee quarterly and our organization will not have an off-campus bank account.

ARTICLE XI. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

No, we are not going to be affiliated with any other political groups on any level.