

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
3:20 p.m.

Dear Christian and Jessica,

We are fortunate to have been elected by downtown students to serve in next year's ASASUD Senate. We look forward to transforming this campus and ensuring that we have a productive student government effectively working to benefit the downtown students.

We are, however, concerned with your decision to not allow a third party to review the election decisions that transpired last week. It is saddening to know that you have put your own interests first, rather than stick by your campaign promise of "Students First."

The Elections Committee gave you the opportunity to solve this matter. You denied that opportunity, thus silencing the 58% of downtown students who voted for Andres and Vaughn.

We are not sure what the result of taking this to a Tempe or West Supreme Court would have been. However, we do believe that it would have properly put an end to this discussion. A fair, unbiased review of the elections results will set a tone of honesty and legitimacy, which has currently been robbed from ASASUD, instead replaced with a tone of scandal and self-serving bias.

We agree that it is time to prepare for next year. We also agree that your decision yesterday will make our efforts as a student government illegitimate. Currently, we make up the majority of the senate. While we are well aware of our positions as student representatives, elected to best represent their needs and desires, we are also elected to work in conjunction with the President and Vice President. As we do not feel your election was legitimate, or a genuine representation of students' interests, we feel that drastic measures are necessary. We are prepared to block any nonessential initiatives you present before the Senate, unless you reverse your decision and allow a third party to review the election decisions in front of us. We are not motivated by spite or malice, but with the intent to demonstrate a truly fair, democratic student government. If you refuse to be fair, you must be held accountable.

What we are doing is, in effect, an impassable filibuster. We will refuse to approve any operational budget for ASASUD; we will refuse to appoint any new senators; we will refuse to appoint any executive board members; we will refuse to allow ASASUD to continue without a proper and fair review of the three-point violation that disqualified Andres Cano and Vaughn Hillyard.

We do this reluctantly, but find your decision shameful and contradictory to what you promised on the campaign trail.

Let's resolve this issue. Reverse your decision today.

Sincerely,

Michelle Lauer  
Stephanie Ortiz  
Andrew Schmiedeler  
Pedro Silva  
Dustin Volz