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Date: 04/02/2023

Elections Code Violation Submission Form

**Submit to your campaign liaison or The Elections Manager*

Date of violation: 03/31/2023

Who violated: Mia Ritter, Sammy Trout, and Rocio Contreras

Section of The Elections Code violated: **10.6 – Defamation of other campaigns and 10.22 – Campaigns liable for actions of their supporters on the candidates behalf and must take appropriate action to prevent code violations by supporters.**

Description of violation(s):

A supporter of the Ritter Campaign, Rocio Contreras (see image 1, Image 6, and Images 10-11), has posted multiple defamatory statements against both Presidential candidate Nick DeSalvo and Vice-Presidential candidate Alex Silverhart (see images 3-5). Furthermore, the Ritter campaign was aware of this supporter's defamatory remarks and took no actions to even attempt to ask to take them down. Instead, a post from Rocio Contreras' Instagram account was reposted by the Ritter Trout campaign Instagram (see image 2). This can easily lead people back to the account that contains defamatory statements. These comments are a violation of Section X Subsection 22 (campaigns being liable for actions of supporters made on campaigns behalf) and Section X Subsection 6 (defamation of other campaigns).

It is understood that Rocio Contreras is not an official member of the Ritter Trout campaign team; however, Section X Subsection 22 clearly states that the actions of supporters are a responsibility of the candidates and appropriate action must be taken to prevent code violations like defamation.

Additionally, Rocio Contreras has directly helped the Ritter Trout campaign on numerous occasions, which includes but is not limited to tabling with Mia and Sammy, reposting Instagram posts from the Ritter Trout campaign Instagram, chalking with the Ritter Trout campaign, and taking photographs for the Ritter Trout campaign (see images 12-16). It is highly likely that the Ritter-Trout campaign chose not to not 'label' Rocio as a part of their campaign for the sole purpose of making these defamatory remarks without fear consequences to their campaign.

Non-subjective defamatory remarks made against the DeSalvo-Silverhart campaign:

- Alex organizing drag shows for performative activism – There is no truth/evidence that Alex organized/participated in drag shows for performative activism and there is solid

evidence and witnesses of Alex carrying out his responsibilities at drag shows, such as being a tip runner. More specifically, images 7-8 show a text conversation between Alex and Ayanna Phillips, the lead organizer of the drag show last year. Image 9 is from an article detailing Ayanna Phillips' role in bringing back the drag show ([link here](#)). This year, Alex helped secure \$7000 of ASCSU funding for the drag show, helped choose the final lineup of performers, attended the majority of planning meetings, and is organizing the tip runners once again.

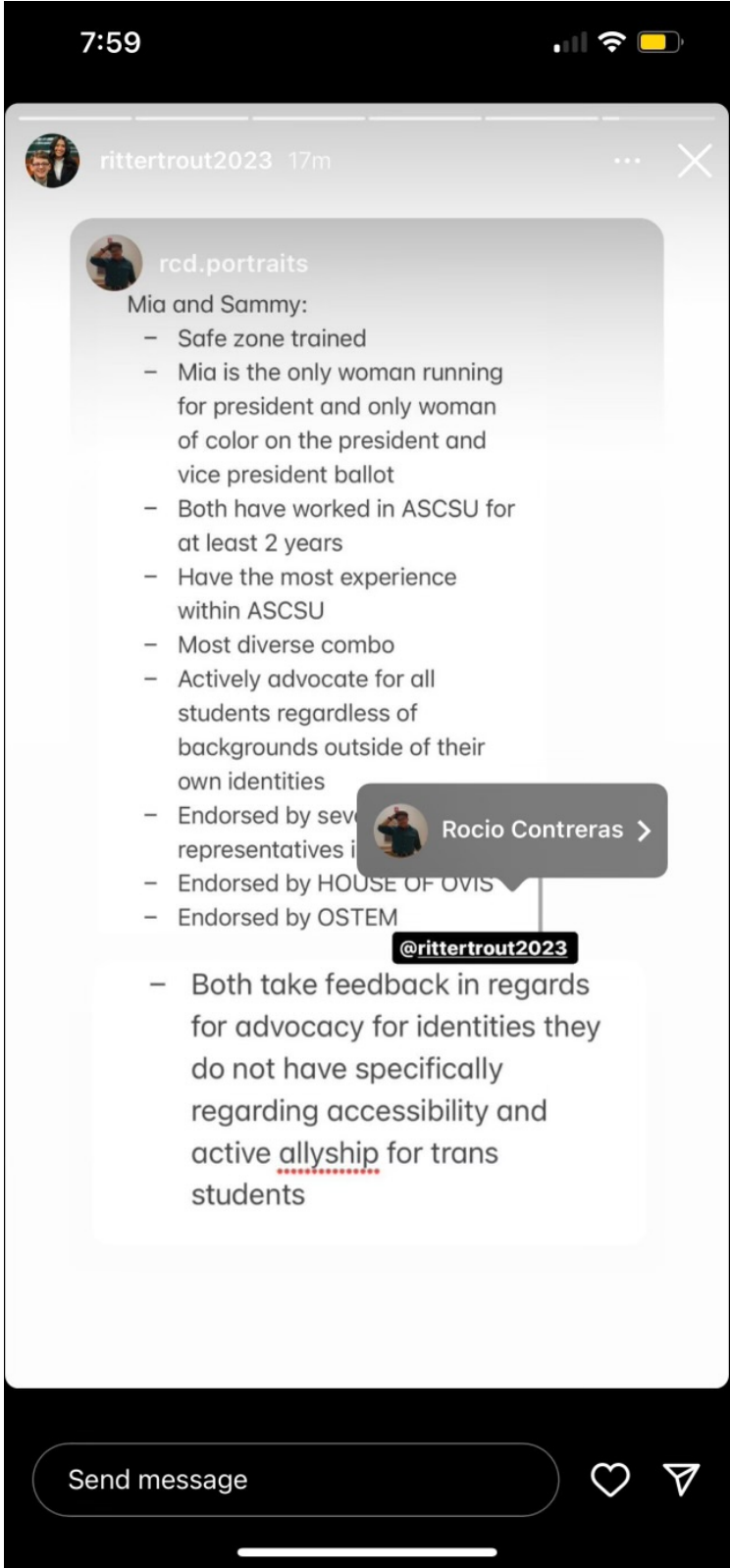
- Nick attending TPUSA conference – There is no truth/evidence of Nick attending a TPUSA conference.
- Endorsements of past leaders – There is no truth/evidence in the claim that any of the endorsements of past ASCSU leaders have ties to Turning Point USA or said racist/homophobic comments.
- Nick has active bias reports – There is no truth/evidence that Nick has an active bias report against him.
- Alex making comments against Latine RA - There is no truth/evidence of Alex making the suggested comments against the Latine RA.
- Alex acting/commenting in misogynistic/racist ways – There is no truth/evidence of Alex making comments that could be considered misogynist/racist.

Despite the fact that these comments were made together, each comment has the ability to disparage the reputation of both Nick DeSalvo and Alex Silverhart in accordance with Section X 6a. Considering this, we would seek the elections committee to charge the Ritter campaign with 6 category 2 violations; given that there are 6 instances of non-subjective defamation, and each instance of defamation is considered a category 2 violation.

Evidence of violation:



(Image 1)



(Image 2)

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Nick Desalvo and Alex Silverheart

- Nick abuses his power as speaker of the senate
- Nick has threatened ASCSU senators from marginalized communities
- Nick continues to perform micro aggressions towards students
- Alex participates in performative activism tagging his name on events such as the drag show and not fulfilling any of his duties
- Nick and Alex are endorsed by past ASCSU leaders that have history of racism and homophobia and are tied to Turning Point USA

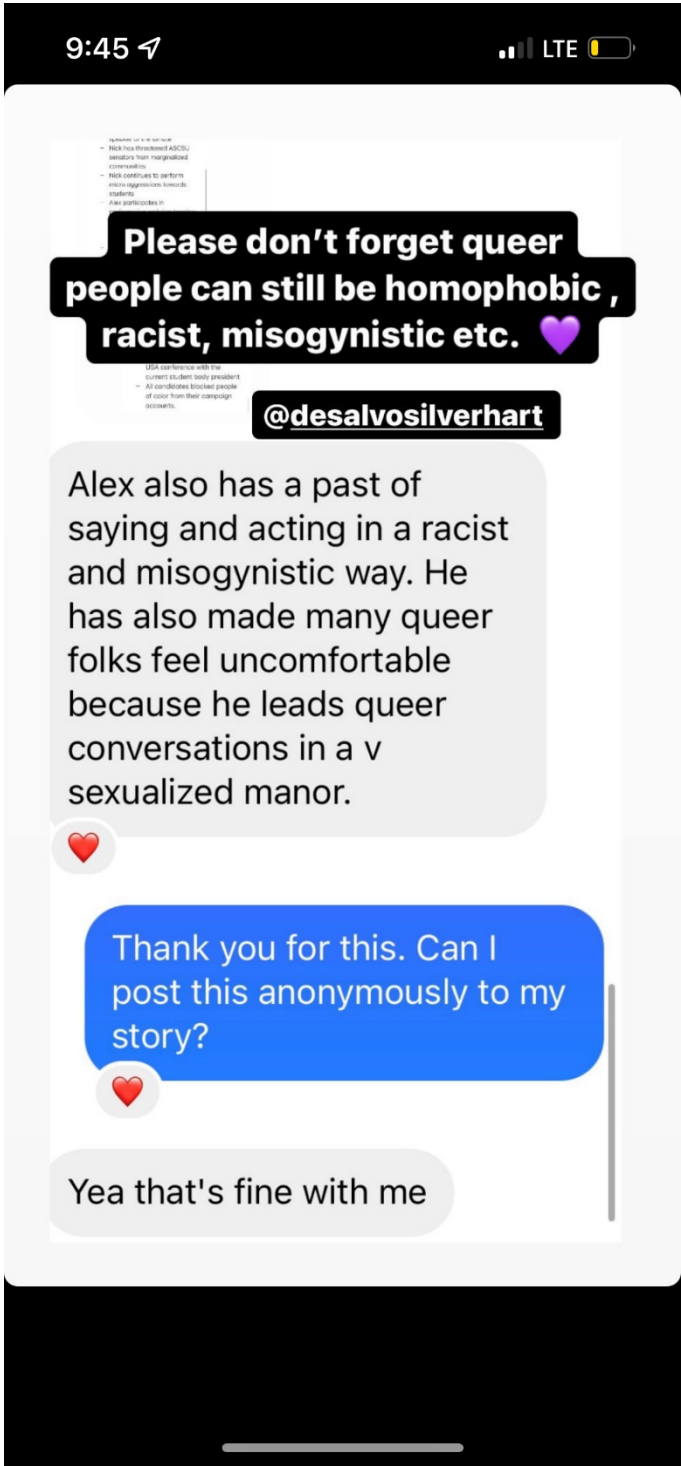
@desalvosilverhart

- Nick has active bias reports against him
 - Alex and Nick both refuse to take accountability or feedback
 - Nick attended at Turning point USA conference with the current student body president
 - All candidates blocked people
- Add to your story > campaign

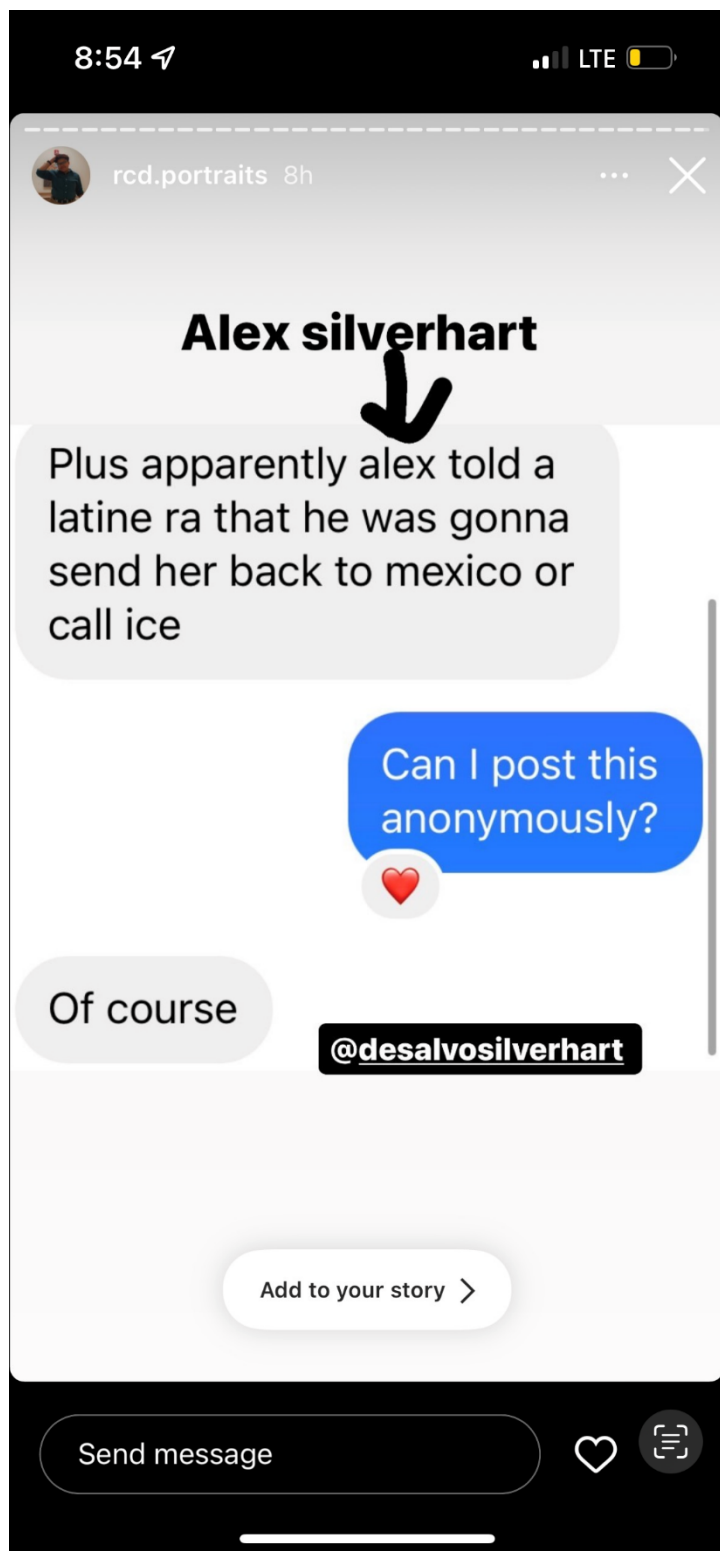
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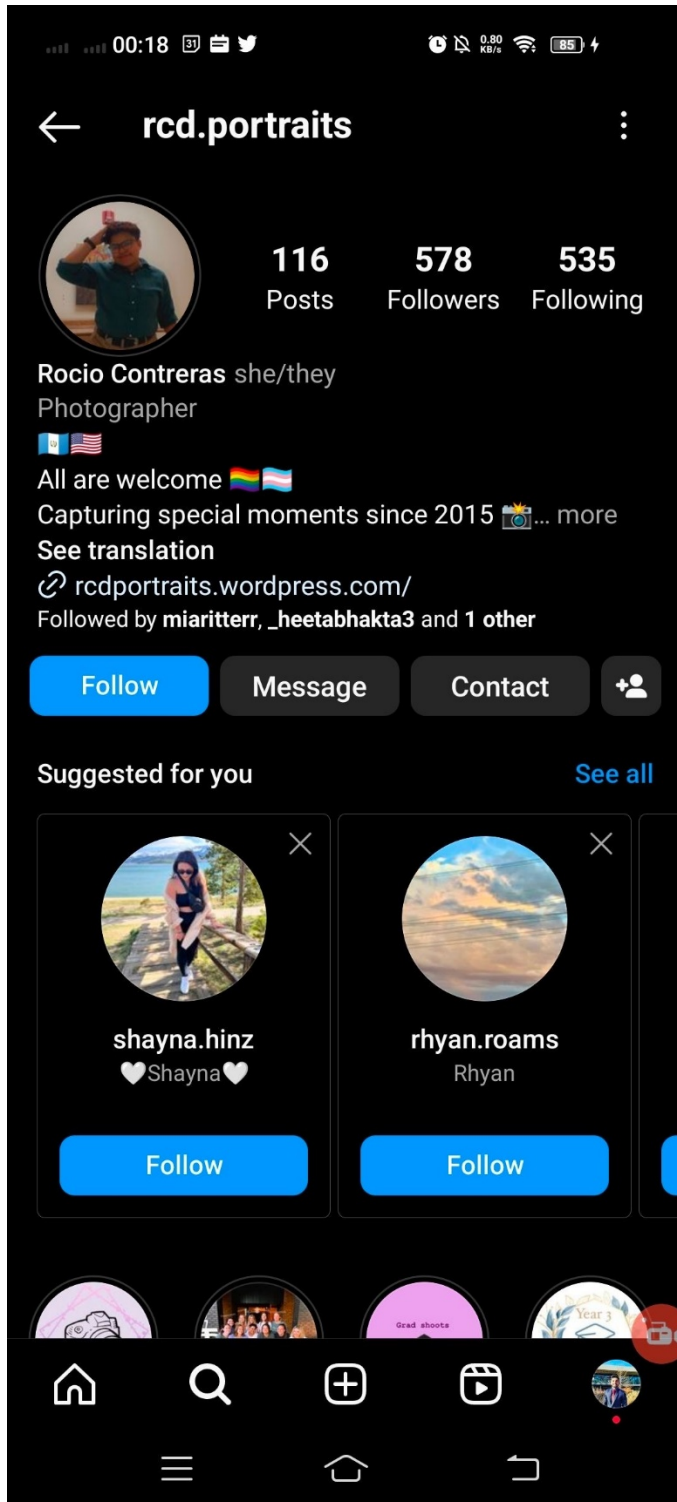
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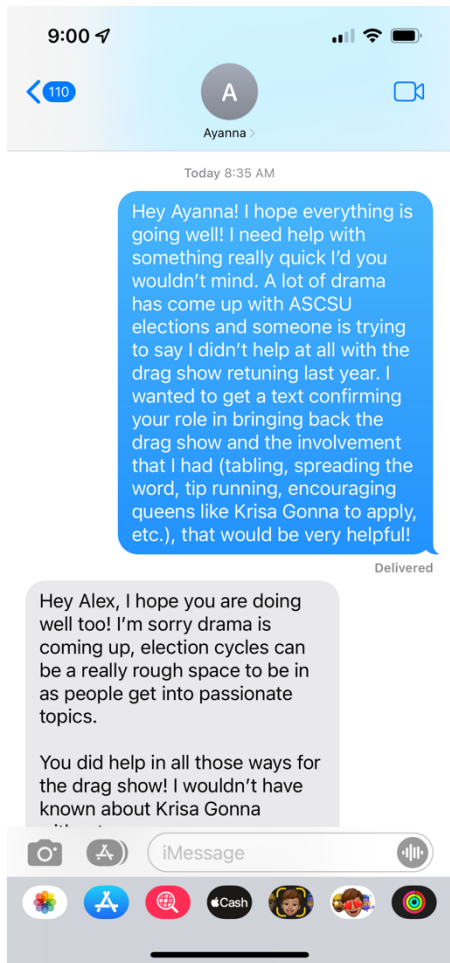


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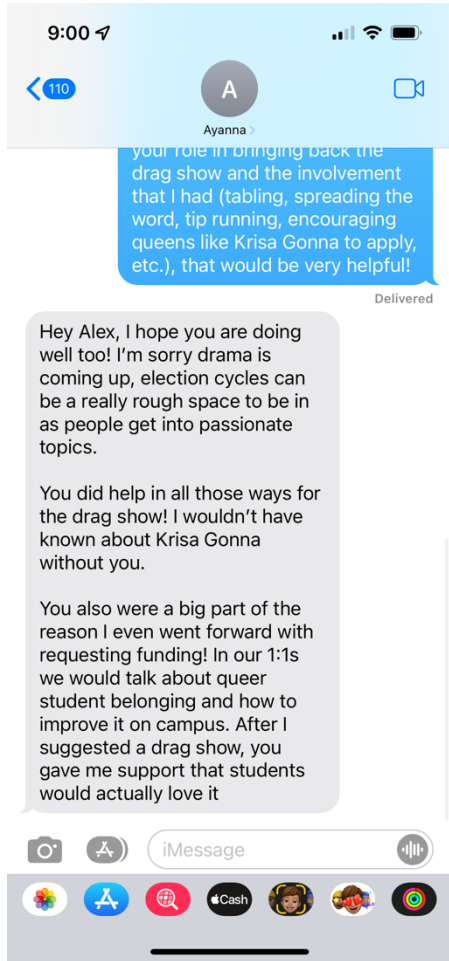


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About the CSU Drag Show

The drag show has been a long-standing tradition at CSU. Assistant Residence Director Ayanna Phillips played a key role in leading this year's efforts in hopes of revitalizing the annual tradition while still honoring the past. As in previous years, the 2022 drag show will be presented by the Pride Resource Center, University Housing and RamEvents.

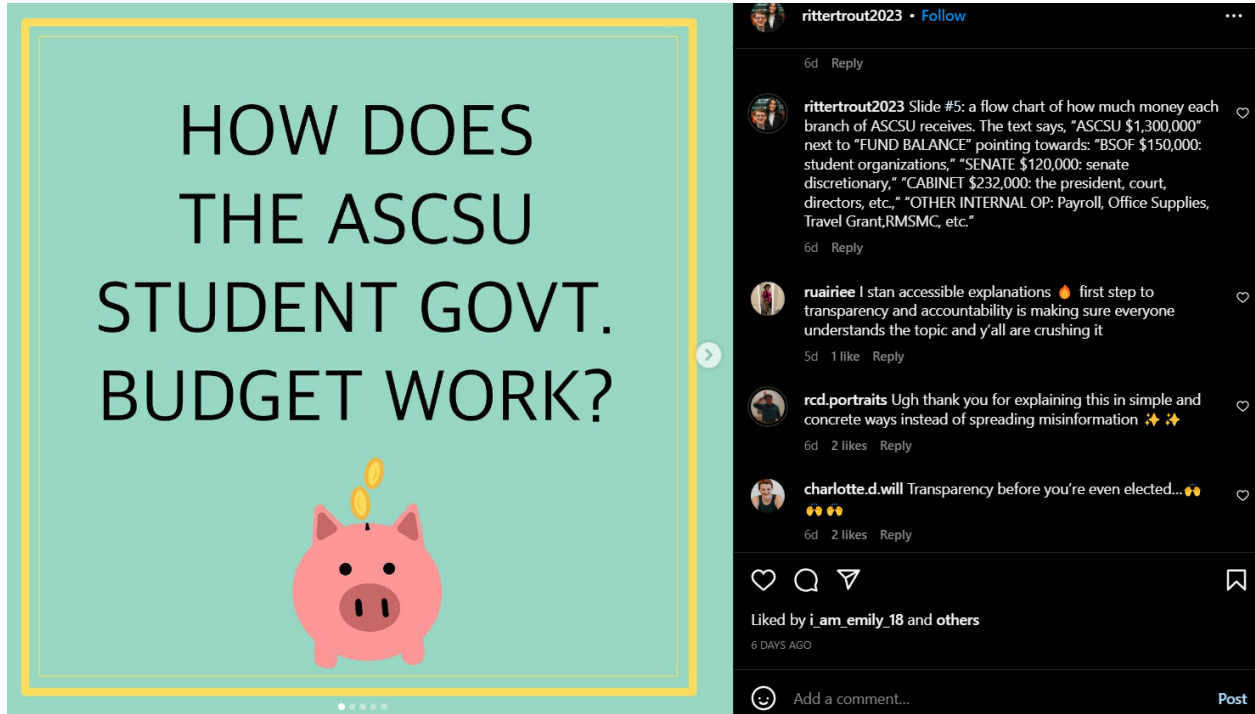
While the event is entirely free to the public, organizers said they accept tips and donations that go toward scholarships in the Pride Resource Center. "We love that we are able to showcase our community and give back to it as well," said Phillips.

According to Phillips, the CSU Drag show is a very special event for students within the LGBTQIA+ community.

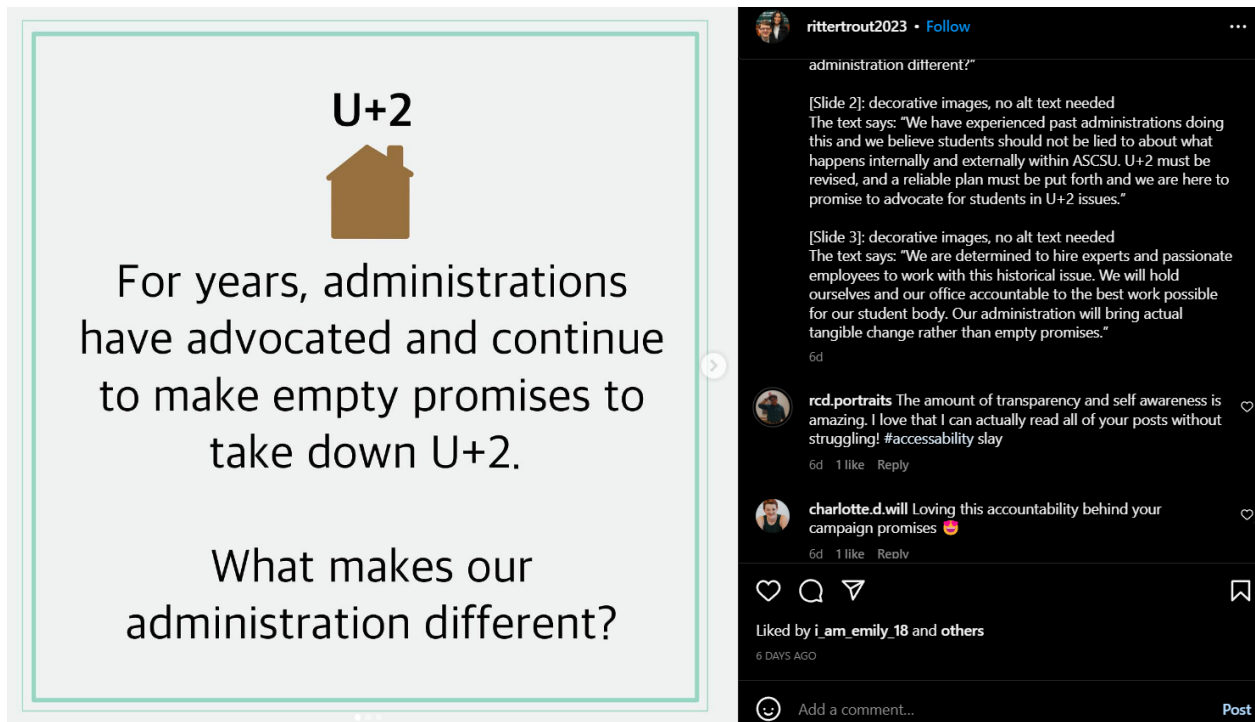
"They get space to showcase who they are and 'show up' whatever that means for them," Phillips said. "There's not one way to be queer, but this is one way to do it, so it's super exciting for that collaboration of people to come together to see space that feels safe, inclusive and it means more because it's not just spoken it's

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Name: Rithik Correa

Date:4.2.23

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Section of The Elections Code violated: **X 6** was violated due to **X 22**

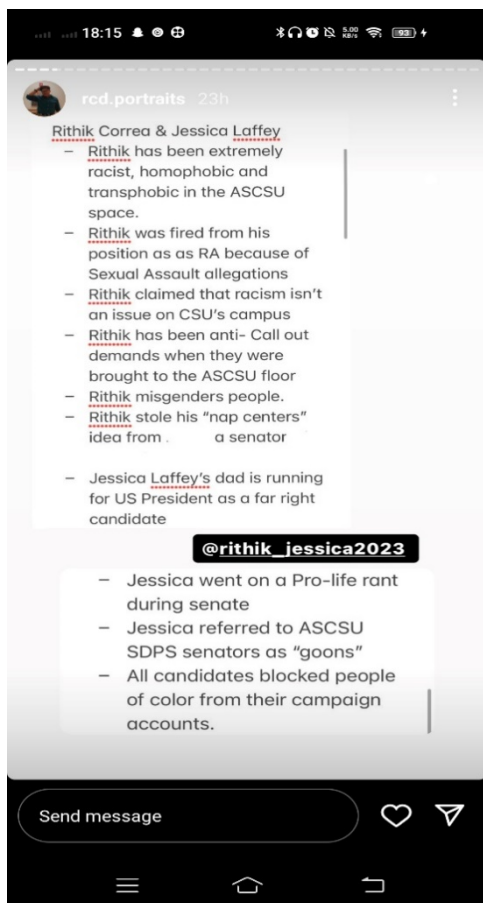
Description of violation: Under section X 6 of the election code, defamation is considered a violation. X 6 reads, "Candidates must not defame other candidates." X 6a states that, "Defamation is defined as the act of disparaging the personal reputation of another by making a false statement or communication: written, oral, or otherwise to a third person."

Rocio Contreras, a supporter of the Ritter-Trout campaign, posted defamatory content against me, Rithik Correa on their Instagram page on 31/3/2023 around 1930 hours stating, "Rithik was fired from his position as an RA because of sexual assault allegations." They also stated, "Rithik misgenders people" and "Rithik Stole his nap centers idea from [white space] senator" (**Picture 1**). None of the above statements are true. A statement is defamatory if it disparages the reputation of a candidate as states in X 6a of the Elections Code, and that was done here as none of these allegations are true. The only way it would be considered non-defamatory in nature is if they had proof.

Section X 22 states, "Campaigns are liable for the actions of their supporters on the candidate's behalf, and as such must take appropriate actions to prevent code violations by supporters." Attached below is proof that Rocio is a supporter of the Ritter-Trout Campaign. Rocio reposted a video by the Ritter-Trout Campaign (**Picture 2**), and the Ritter-Trout Campaign reposted a story from Rocio (**Picture 6**). This is clear evidence of support that Ritter-Trout campaign received and is aware of. The reposted story was posted after all the defamatory content which means the Ritter-Trout Campaign knew about the defamatory Instagram stories. These stories ran its full course of 24 Hours (**Picture 1-Check top left**) and according to X 22, Ritter-Trout Campaign did not fulfil their obligation of taking appropriate action to prevent code violations by supporters. Proof of the story the Ritter-Trout campaigned reposted was after all the defamatory stories (meaning the Ritter-Trout Campaign were aware of defamatory stories) is attached in the email along with the violation submission named **Ritter-TroutCampainViolation.mp4**. **Picture 4** and **Picture 5** are proof that Mia Ritter and Rocio Contreras follow each other.

I pray that the election committee charge the Ritter Trout Campaign with 3 instances of defamation since each statement disparages my personal reputation on its own. That is, 3 Instances of a Category 2 violation.

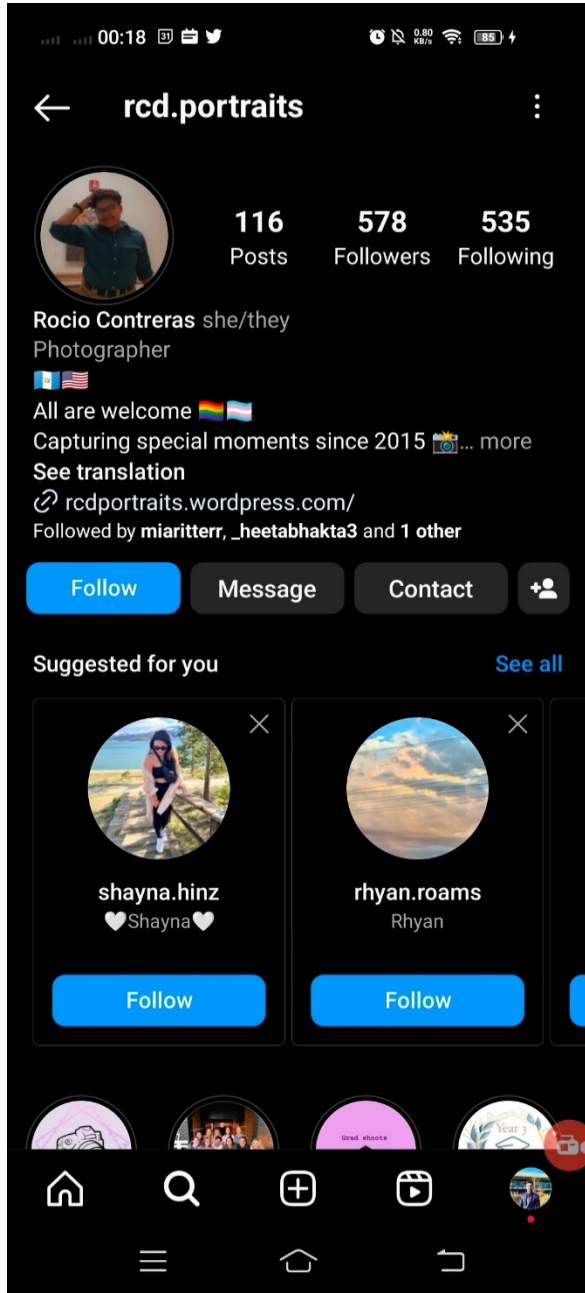
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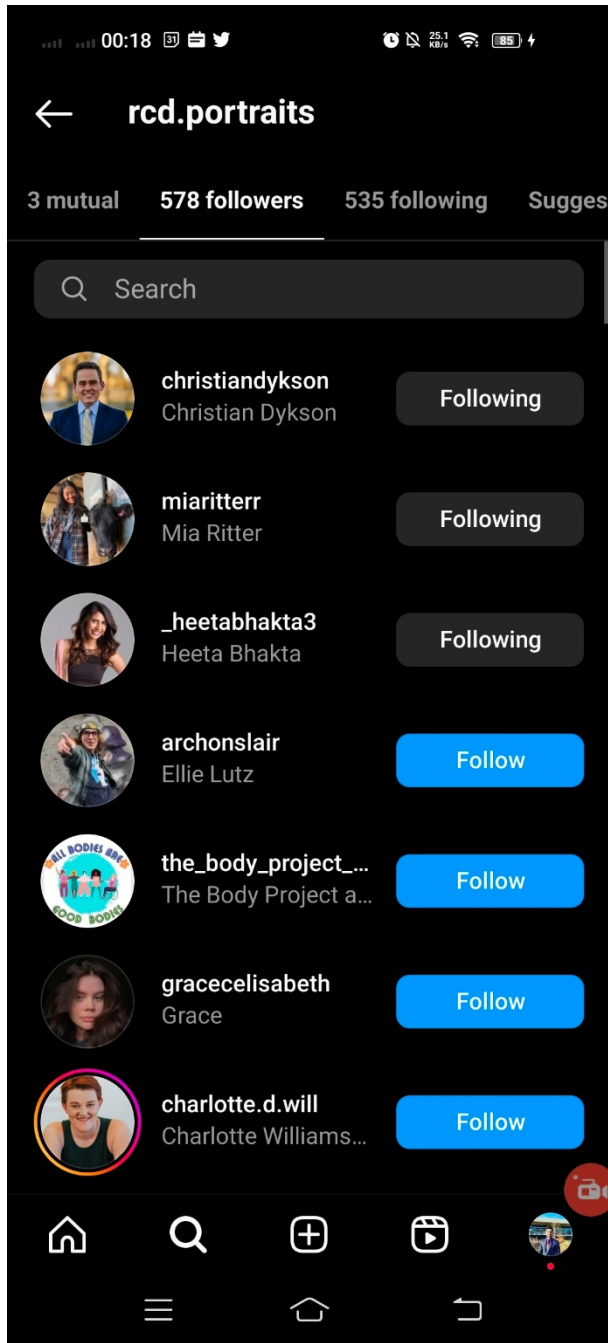
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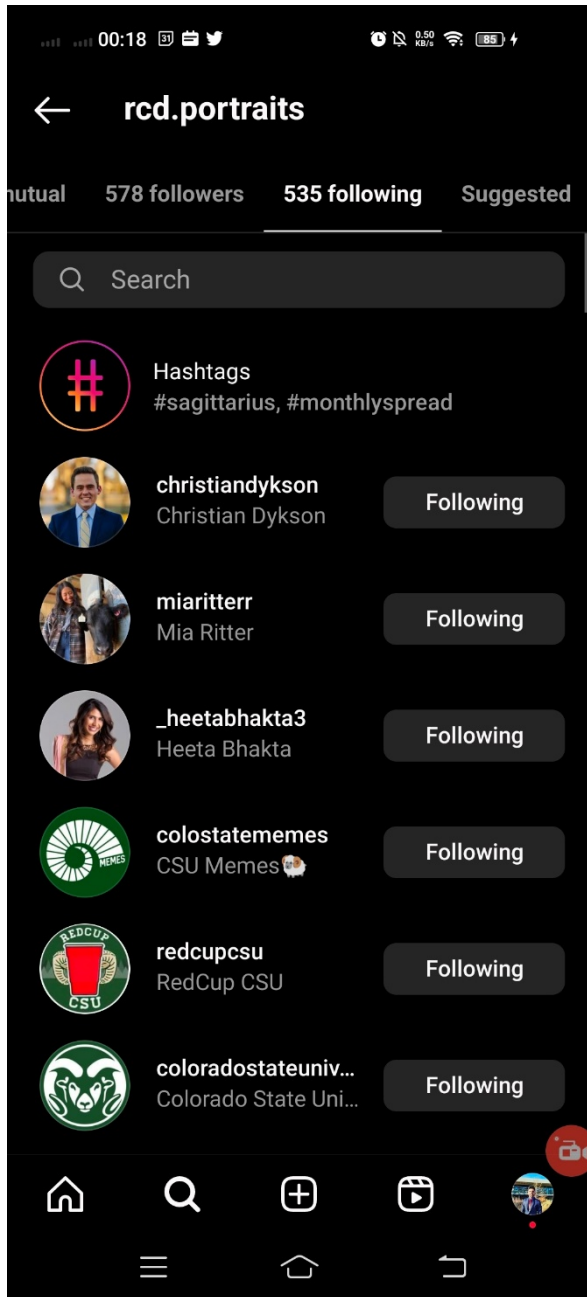
Picture 2: Proof that Rocio is a supporter of the Ritter-Trout Campaign



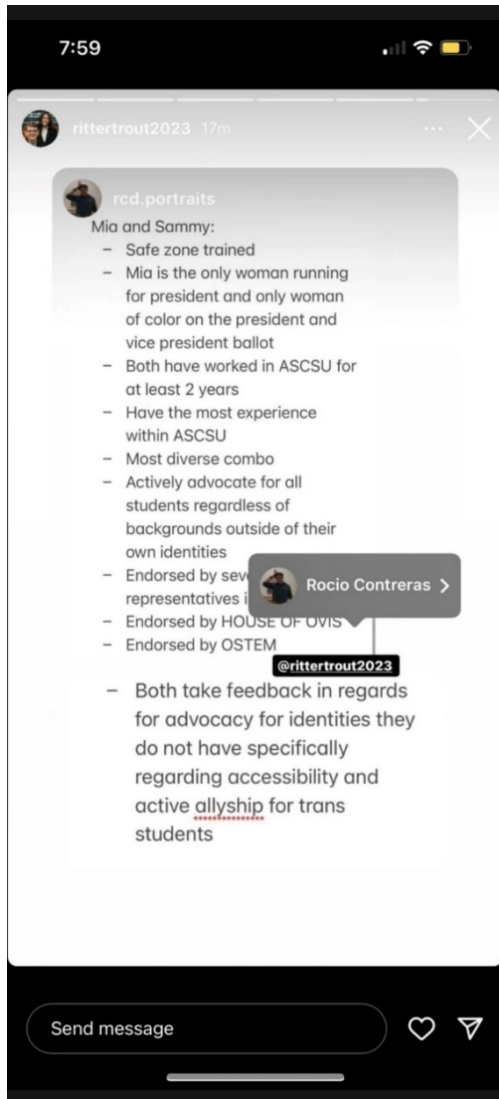
Picture 3: The Instagram account in question.



Picture 4: Proof that Mia Ritter follows this account.



Picture 5: Proof that Rocio Follows Mia Ritter.



Picture 6: Proof that Mia acknowledges Rocio's support.