

PETITION FOR OPEN AND TRANSPARENT ASUCD ELECTIONS

"We the undersigned call on ASUCD to respect the ASUCD Constitution, the ASUCD Government Codes, the express will of ASUCD voters, and the public's right to conduct an independent ballot count, as guaranteed and protected by the ASUCD Constitution;

"by releasing to the public, in a usable digital format, the rankings cast by ballot in ASUCD elections."

Signed,

NAME	TITLE (if any)	ORGANIZATION

(You can e-mail petition@ucdgreens.org to submit any signatures. Thanks!)

INFO ON PETITION FOR TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS

- The *ASUCD Constitution* clearly states in Article II, Section 5 (about Senate elections) and Article III, Section 3, Subsection 2 (about Presidential elections):

"To permit an independent count of the ballots, the rankings cast by ballot shall be made available to the public upon request."

ASUCD voters passed this language by 67% in February 2003. The ASUCD Constitution is supposed to guarantee the rights it spells out. Are Constitutional rights meant to be optional?

- The *ASUCD Government Codes* clearly state in Chapter One, Section 110, Subsection 7:

"Pursuant to the ASUCD Constitution, the Elections Committee shall provide to any ASUCD member, upon request, an electronic copy of the rankings cast by ballot in that election."

The ASUCD Senate passed this language unanimously in May 2003.

- ASUCD officials are not releasing the information as specified. This prevents a complete evaluation of Choice Voting, which would benefit our understanding of ASUCD's new system.
- Even the city of San Francisco will release its ballot ranking data to the public on the web. They are using ranked voting for the first time next fall.
- Public access to election information is important in a democracy. That's how public trust is maintained and strengthened.