

General Application for 2021-2022| Current year [#17]

ASI 2020-2021 - General Application <no-reply@asicalstatela.org>

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Application Type	Cabinet of Commissioner's Application
Position Applying For	Environmental Affairs Commissioner
Name	Jacobo Israel Ramirez
Birth Date	██████████
Class Level	Graduate
T-Shirt Size	Medium

Eligibility

DIRECTIONS: For each question, please select YES or NO.

Note: If you answer "NO" to any of the questions below, you may not be eligible. For more information, please contact the ASI Administrative Office, 323-343-4778

General Eligibility Verification

Are you considered in good standing with the university?	Yes
Have you been enrolled at Cal State L.A. for one (1) semester prior to application?	Yes
Undergraduate Only: Do you have a minimum 2 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months?	Yes
Graduate Only: Do you have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months?	Yes
Are you available for scheduled meetings as specified in the application packet?	Yes
Do you agree to serve a minimum of two (2) hours per week physically in the ASI Offices? (Note: Board applicants agree to be available for a minimum number of service hours per week in addition to office hours as outlined in the Board of Directors Code of Procedures Policy 002)	Yes
If you are a Board of Director College Representative applicant, have you declared a major for the College position you are applying for and enrolled in at least one (1) course within the College?	Yes

(Note: If you are a Charter College of Education Representative, have you declared a major in that College?)

Undergraduate Applicants

Have you earned at least six (6)-semester units of academic credit per semester at Cal State LA during the past 12 months prior to application (not including remedial courses)?

Yes

Will you be enrolled in at least six (6)-semester units of academic credit during the semester you are applying.

Yes

Are you aware that you must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units per semester while in office?

Yes

Are you aware that you must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester while in office?

Yes

Have you earned less than (150)-semester units?

Yes

What previous experience have you had in the area in which you are applying for?

I can relate to two types of experience that may potentially influence my capability as an Environmental Affairs Commissioner. The first is my academic experience in a class that dealt with environmental politics; while the class was broad in its application and comprehension of environmental issues, it did cover the basis for universal problems that are substantially relatable in California, such as water shortage, and decline of species. One particular problem that stood out to me was the gridlock situation that currently affects our politics; generally environmental issues appear to be bipartisan but unfortunately power and wealth always affects lobbying, which in turn affects partisanship itself. The class highlighted that local government is always the best place to begin, and while Los Angeles is an immensely huge city the locality of small towns around still counts as another neighborhood to take care of, so to speak. I believe that my academic experience will prove worthy in attempting to undermine big influential lobbying that reaches CSULA, just as much as it reaches local organizations. I believe grassroots campaigns achieve enormous success because of the dedication and willpower of local political organizations that satisfy the needs of the people, not their constituents. The Environmental Politics class proved this to be true in many particular cases involving poverty, racial issues, and environmental waste; which I believe to be universal problems in Los Angeles as well. While I am not a native of the city, it is still part of the state, and therefore my commitment and diligence to strive for better resolutions will always be a strong trait of mine.

The second source of experience is an internship that I finished while at CSU Stanislaus in 2019. The internship was with Voto Latino, and it mainly focused on Hispanic issues surrounding immigration, DACA, and personal belonging within a new environment. In the internship I helped organize meetings and eventually supported a congregation of organizations dedicated towards fighting for rights for immigrants and minorities in the last US Census. The grand ordeal was held at UC Merced, and we heard many of the concerns and feelings of local residents and students as well. The internship was perhaps one of the most enlightening experiences of my life because it felt more than words can describe, a sense of genuine awe to be a part of something bigger than myself. I can admit that it does not necessarily pertain towards environmental issues, or student council-ship, yet it is still an important facet of accomplishing local wonders for the community. Issues of minorities strongly relate from lack of environmental well-being just as do social issues. Tensions that can be relieved must be done so, in the Los Angeles area. That is what I will dedicate myself towards, the prestige is temporary but the accomplishments are eternal.

State briefly why are you are applying and/or are interested in this position

I am applying for this position because I believe that my time as a student has reflected deeply towards my personal convictions. It is not enough to state the obvious issues plaguing our society, actual work and action must be done in order to bring about change. I believe beginning with a position in ASI will lead to promising results for the community, ASI, and myself. It is a challenge to uphold one's own principles, and this position can be the catalyst towards this

personal journey of mine. I hope to work with others and compromise on issues, not just of environmental affairs, but of social and racial issues as well. ASI seems to be a universal body of students dedicated towards similar causes, and the privilege to work alongside such students would be an honor. I want to improve my leadership skills and apply the knowledge I have gained from academia over the years into practical situations. The theoretical can reach the practical, starting with a position in student government. Environmental issues are the nexus of my personal beliefs, and the allowance to finally engage in such a field would uphold the integrity of such an academic institution and the community as well.

What do you feel are some of the major problems facing the students of Cal State LA?

From my one year experience as a graduate student of Cal State LA, I believe one of the core fundamental issues that's affecting students is a sense of community and belonging. Many are natives of Los Angeles but from what I've seen and experienced, Cal State LA appears to be a commuter school. If we can engage with students on topics of the environment, race, and many more than perhaps we can improve the quality of our institutions and reach out to local communities better.

Another problem I feel is that students don't receive enough proper guidance or support towards causes of the environment, perhaps even the issue of accidental ignorance of how to even begin such a change. I can admit that before my experience at the internship I was not aware of such technical issues affecting Hispanic communities. If we can improve our relationship with students, beginning within student government, then we can also begin to work parallel alongside students for their needs as well. The communities around must feel that they are being heard, and ASI can work towards that journey. Over the summer I am dedicating myself to researching and understanding further issues that affect students of Cal State LA, and I want to start with working in local organizations or increasing communication within them.

List activities and/or organizations that you have been involved with (on or off campus)

I have been involved with Voto Latino which is an internship priorly mentioned. Furthermore the work we did strongly reflects my commitment and dedication towards causes that affect communities around. Activities within the internship were communicating with students at CSU Stanislaus about their opinions of Hispanic issues (many were Hispanic students as well). Another form of activity I did was organize meetings and continuously communicate with other organizations on campus. Whether it be through emails, phone calls, or in person engagement, I am proud to have honed my skills as a member of such a cause. I also participated in Hustle which generated a script to send out to various people across the state to vote for a particular issue or candidate. The idea was to try and inform people of issues affecting their local communities. I believe I can improve these skills and work towards even greater achievements for ASI.

Contact

In order to process your application, please fill out the following sections COMPLETELY. If appointed, you are responsible for updating the Executive Director in the ASI Administrative Office of any changes in your contact information. Please be advised that all information in this section will be kept confidential.

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Hours Available To Serve	Example Format: 9AM to 12:30PM & 3:30 PM to 6 PM
Monday	9 AM to 3 PM
Tuesday	12:05 PM to 3 PM
Wednesday	9 AM to 3 PM
Thursday	12:05 PM to 3 PM
Friday	9 AM to 3 PM

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Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and the State of Student Rights and Responsibilities of California State University, Los Angeles, I give permission to the Registrar's Office at California State University, Los Angeles to release the academic information listed on this application to the A.S.I. Administrative Office and President. I hereby acknowledge that in order to be a candidate/nominee/appointee, or to hold any position within any Cal State L.A. auxiliary organization, I must undergo compliance and eligibility checks pursuant to the corporation Bylaws, Codes of Procedures, laws and policies of Cal State L.A. and the State of California. By checking below I give permission to release academic information to Associated Students, Inc. regarding my G.P.A. and status as a "currently enrolled & continuing student" at Cal State L.A. I also understand that I will be compensated via a Grant-In-Aid Stipend (GIA Stipend). I agree that if, for any reason, I become ineligible to service in office, all work performed will be considered voluntary.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 Consent

- I Accept

Initials

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Draw your signature into the box below.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Ramirez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal tail on the "y".