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# **VOTER'S GUIDE**



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# **Voter Guide**

## **Voter's Guide:**

**Use The Berkeley City College's Voter's Guide to get to know all candidate's missions better and meet the candidates who are running for the district wide Student Trustee and ASBCC positions, as well as to review new propositions.**

## **How and Where to Vote:**

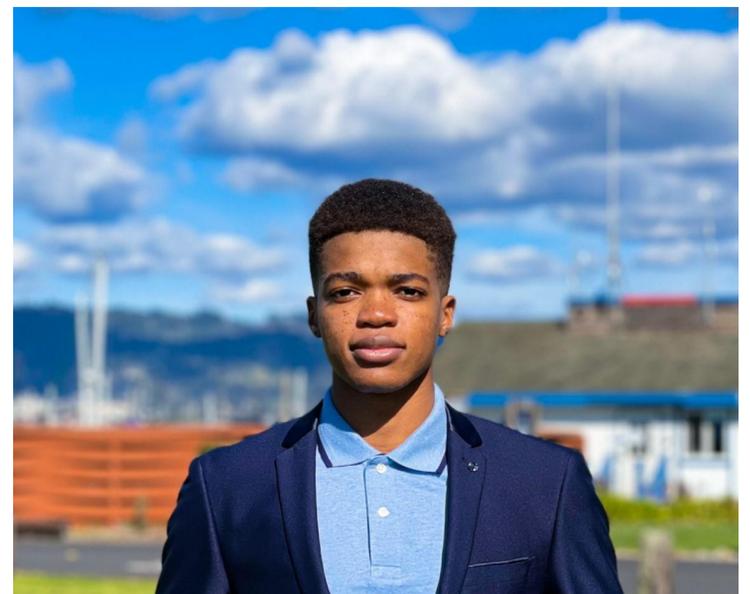
**Online voting will begin on Tuesday, April 13th and end on Wednesday, April 14th. The website link will be posted on Berkeley City College's student election page and will also be posted around the school when the time becomes near. Student may not vote on behalf of other students, and a student id is required.**

# **Meet the Candidates**

# President

## Harry Mapodile

My name is Harry Mapodile, and I'm a sophomore studying Computer Science. It is with great pleasure, passion, and privilege that I run to serve on the ASBCC. The experience I've gained from being a math tutor and staff at BCC's learning resource center has led me to interact with various students on campus, allowing me to see firsthand the obstacles students face and overcome in pursuit of their education. These students' stories have helped me create a road map of what issues to tackle head-on. The foundation built by the current ASBCC during online-class such as cheaper books and improving privacy rights from online proctoring are goals that I plan to carry forward. Protecting students from companies hastily placed to monitor students without proper consent from the students will not happen; your voice will be heard first. I am the VP of Treasury for the Berkeley Electronics and Engineering club or BEE club, one of the biggest clubs on campus with a membership of 70 active students on Discord. Being an officer of this club has allowed me to better the communication skills that I've learned from attending Cal Berkeley's leadership summit. Securing funds from the Peralta District for the BEE club has shown me that the time to receive funds can drag on for weeks; this forces students to use out of pocket cash and wait for reimbursement. As President, I plan to streamline funding to make it more accessible to clubs waiting for approved funds for an event, project or to cover Discord & Zoom expenses. Maximizing engagement and bringing the atmosphere of campus life online is one of my prime goals. Reach out to me via email and ask me questions about my policies or any concerns you may have; I'm here to serve you.





# Sergio Mazariegos

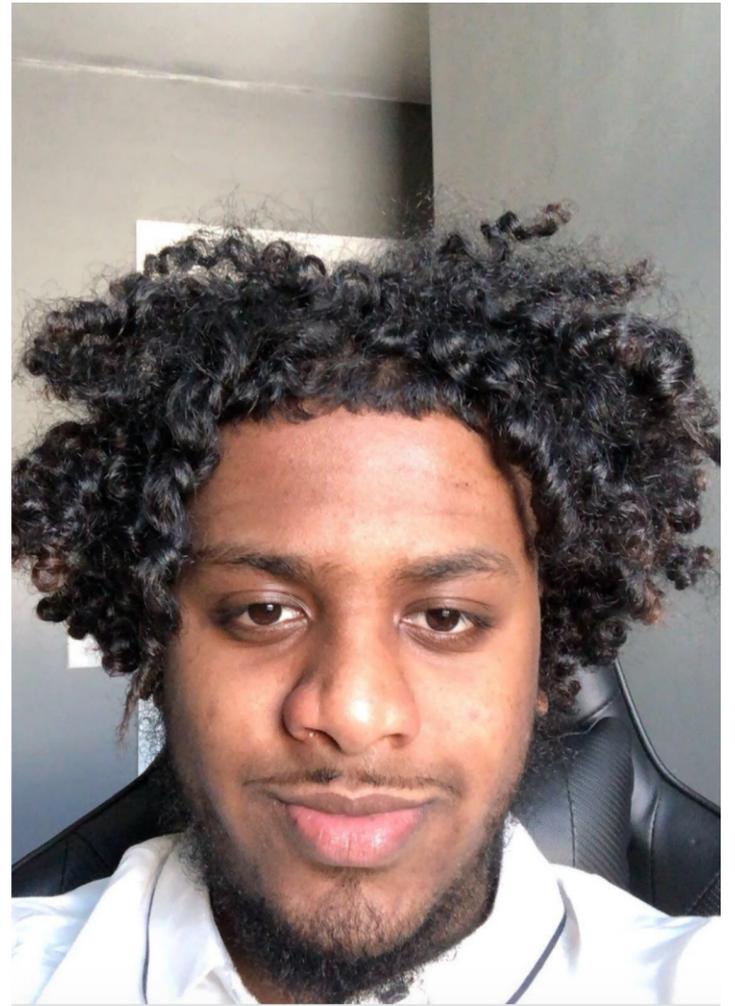
Berkeley City College has become a special place to me. BCC represents hope, possibility, and opportunity. I am inspired as I attend classes, work with classmates, participate in my club, and represent you as your ASBCC Senator. I know that Covid restrictions have put financial, mental, and physical stress on many of you over the past year, and despite the circumstances, you're continued on at BCC to invest in your future. I do not take your hard work for granted and I've been committed all year to keep the resources you need within reach. I've created and hosted numerous student events since Fall. I started with a debate watch-party last October and have kept producing up to this semester's new Monday night "Trivia" and "Open Mic". My recent Shark Tank community event was a tremendous success in bringing together students, staff, and faculty from across Peralta. But I wasn't limited to creating events; I've also worked to protect your rights and academic integrity.

Last December, I took action to shut down the use of online video-proctoring after learning the Peralta District had entered into a contract with Honorlock. With amazing colleagues, I drafted a resolution calling for a ban on the controversial service that violates your privacy and contributes to inequality in our community. I persisted until the resolution was also adopted by BCC faculty's Academic Senate in early February.

I'm asking to be your ASBCC President so I may continue to serve you. The future will bring new challenges as we return to our "normal" lives and BCC needs a strong, experienced leader. I am that leader. I will always fight to empower you and provide the resources, outlets, and advocacy you need to be successful at BCC. That is my commitment to you, and I will not waiver.

## Maged Saeed (Write-In)

Developing and ensuring actively growing and achieving on campus! With my skills in many years of leadership and my passion for government, I can ensure you I shall represent the voices on campus that are not heard. My name is Maged Saeed and I am running to be your President!



# VP of Finance

## RJ Ishimaru

My name is RJ Ishimaru and it's my pleasure to be running for the opportunity to represent the students as the VP of finance. The VP of finance's job, and student governance as a whole, is to make sure everyone is taken care of in every facet of your lives: ranging from employment opportunities, scholarship opportunities, tutoring, campus life, community outreach and pretty much anything else you can think of. Unfortunately, in the current state of the world, some of us were left to fend for ourselves - but no longer.

Just to give a little context into my character, I'm a Marine Corps veteran, with a hankering for budgeting, with a demonstrated experience in managing budget allocations, employee payroll, and analyzing cost centers. By utilizing these skills, I hope to streamline our college's funding in order to create the maximum community impact per dollar spent. After modifying and redirecting the budget, I hope to use the surplus of money to extend resources available to students, especially the economically disadvantaged, such as extended library hours (when campus reopens), creating jobs in order to mitigate student debt, and creating a community food shelf.

Thank you so much for taking time out of your day to read about what I hope to offer our community as a whole.

Fair winds and following seas,

RJ Ishimaru



# VP of Programs

## Jiawen Wu

Hello everyone, my name is Jiawen Wu, I am running to be the VP of Programs of ASBCC. In my second year at Berkeley City College, I hope that I can be more involved in Berkeley City College and put my efforts to support our college and students.

I am currently the secretary for the BCC Electronics & Engineering Club, which provides me the opportunity to participate in and become more familiar with club events. With the added experience I will be better able to organize events for students. During the pandemic, it is difficult for people to connect with each other, therefore, my wish is to help the college plan more events so that our students will have the opportunity to take part and enjoy, making their campus life more colorful while they are still staying at home. At the same time, I am more than glad to undertake the responsibility to support the events being planned in my best efforts, creating a better environment for students to engage in.

Thanks for reading, it would be an honor for me if I can be given the chance to serve the college as the VP of Programs.



# VP of Admin

## Liya Mehretab

Greetings to ASBCC members, My name is Liya Gebrezgabiher and I'm excited to announce my candidacy for the ASBCC Berkeley City College ASBCC Directors and members. I'm extremely looking forward to working harmoniously with other board members and other students as well as the administration team to make Berkeley City College the best place to study in. For those of you who don't know me, I have been a student at Berkeley City College for almost 3 years and thoroughly enjoyed my time here at BCC. I am living alone in the United States. All of my family lives in Eritrea. In my spare time I like doing workout and hanging out with my friends. I believe my background in studying and working almost 2 years for Adult Worker in Berkeley City College make me the best candidate for this position, and also worked as Administrator in my family job for 10 years, that also made me have necessary experience doing it well. I am very enthusiastic and give my all to every job that I am given. Some of my goals will be; 1. Communicate and respond to all student inquiries/concerns with respect and direct them to the proper resources. 2. Properly respond to emergency situations when necessary, work closely with professional staff, Security and other emergency services. 3. Work to be familiar with students' faces and names in the community (as best as possible). 4. Maintain respectful and professional relationships with staff, students, and guests. 5. Provide excellent customer service to all students, staff & guests. 6. Maintain a positive and welcoming attitude as you are an employee and representative of BCC. 7. Act in an honest, conscientious, and professional manner, showing respect for persons of all cultures, races, genders, classes, spiritual identities, sexual orientations, interests, and abilities.



# VP of Public Relations

## Mazin Saeed (Write-in)

Hello my name is Mazin Saeed I am a freshman at Berkeley City College hoping to make change. I want to have students have a voice in there school and in there classes. I would like to have students and teachers online school much easier and a lot more beneficial. We all know that online school and learning has been rough on all of us but I'm here to bring some change and fun to make sure all Berkeley City College students have a fun and great school year and experience during this time. I would love to have more student tan activities such a games nights or ways for students to meet other students and peers because trust me I know it's hard to meet new people through zoom and classes. Anyways be sure to vote for Mazin Saeed. I'm running for VP of public relations.



# Senators

## Hamid Sahraye (Write-In)

Hellooo, Soldiers of 2021!!! My name is Hamid Sahraye; Join me on this Memorable Journey ahead. *Vote Hamid Jalal Sahraye !* For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to make the world a better place. I enjoy being in a position where I can create real change and positively impact others. With great pleasure, passion, and privilege, I am humbly honored to be in this position to run for and serve as Senator on the Student Government association. The global education system has been one of the biggest victims of this pandemic. Many students miss out on completing their classes successfully due to particular problems and confusion with instructors and courses.

As a member of the ASBCC, I hope to create and provide an online support/study group with multiple topics/class categories for students to come together, help one another and share knowledge. I believe students can significantly help each other succeed if we bring them together. I want to work with the school administration to give more internships and work opportunities to students. We all go through different college journeys', and I want to make sure that we enjoy and be successful in this journey together. From my background of going to school growing up in a war-zone to coming to "The land of opportunity," I believe I have gained skills that are imperative for being the leader of a grade. I will continue to contribute to students' success and lift their spirits throughout the time I will be elected. I enjoy getting to know more individuals every day, organizing events, and, most of all, working hard to support your interests. If elected, I will prioritize your needs, consider your ideas, and advocate for you at all costs. *Vote Hamid Sahraye !* Thank you.



# Student Trustees

## Michael Cooper (Merritt)

Hello Friends!

I am ASMC President Mike Cooper or Coop, & I am seeking your vote for re-election.

My priorities haven't changed. Though they have grown, both in scale & understanding how to accomplish them. They include:

- Communications.

The Students deserve a higher standard of communications & improved systems to facilitate them. To ensure smooth navigation of our systems, access to services, & quicker response to problems.

- Advocacy & Equity.

Our Student's only representatives who serve them exclusively is the ASMC. As such, they need an experienced leader who understands diplomacy but isn't afraid to demand due process, transparency, & accountability. I keep an open ear available for every Student to voice their needs.

- Resources Networking & Fundraising.

I've reached out hundreds of directions to seek resources, opportunities, & funds for investments in the Students. Now, I better serve Merritt through The Student Advisory Board through the Mayor's office to create even greater opportunities.

- Campus Culture & Student Outreach:

Students & their representatives must NOT be obstructed from engaging one another. Their engagement & the Student's understanding of their representative's roles must be actively facilitated by the Institution.

- Priorities:

Our focus must be on serving & retaining the Students we already have, above enrolling new Students into our problems. I will keep supporting & pressuring the Institution to continue improving quality & access to services. While also focusing on the preservation of the Student experience, campus culture, community building, along with the diversity that is our legacy & our future through the Students I'm honored to call my peers.

- Email & Direct Line:

ASMCPresident.Merritt@Gmail.Com

510-500-5895

(Reach out ANY TIME by text to chat or schedule a call. I'll always make time for your needs)

- Facebook Campaign Page:

<https://m.facebook.com/ASMCPresident4ReElection>

- Campaign Channel & Video Evidence

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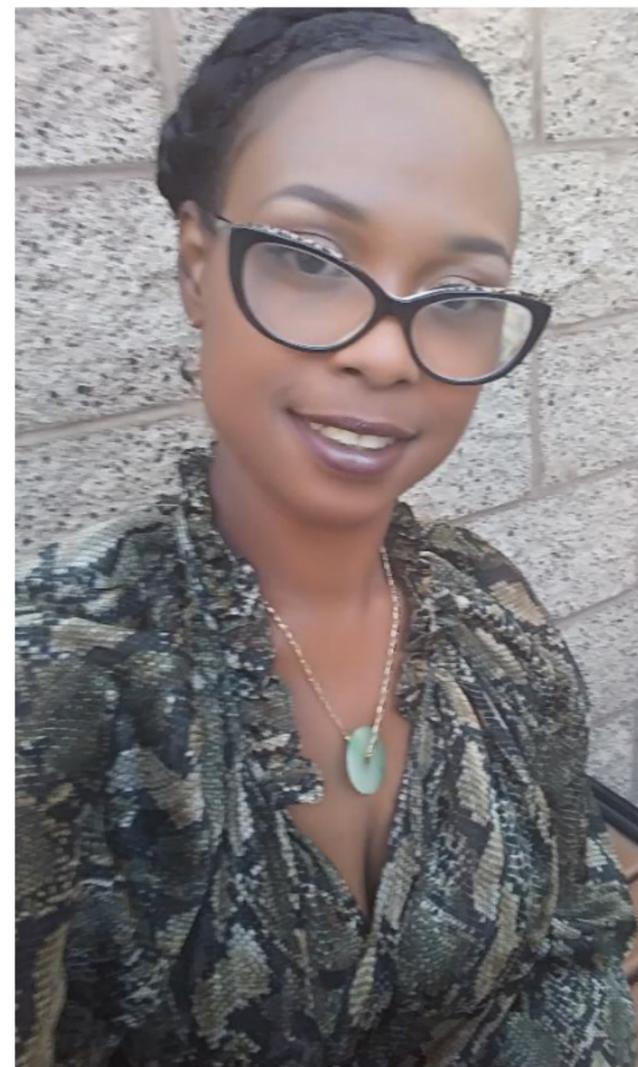
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# Leesa Hogan (Merritt)

Hello Merritt Thundercat's! I am Ms. Leesa. I would like to opportunity to serve our college in the best way possible. I have been where most new college students are when starting their own educational journey, not sure on how to make the best of my experience. In 2009, I had the privilege of sitting on the ASMC Senate and being a member of the Black Student Union. The exposure from being a part of student government provided me with experience on how to be a voice for not only myself but my peers and the community we live in. I currently serve my community of Oakland by being an active Early Childhood Educator and by promoting an allinclusive non bias education philosophy. I will do my absolute best to promote the same philosophy for all students within our district if I am elected for this position. I am proud to be a part of such a great educational community. Merritt College is the original home of the Black Panther Party which is a legacy that should never be forgotten. I want help ensure that every student that attends a college district has the resources available to reach their full potential. I will participate in discussion forums on upcoming events and ideas and collaborate regarding student issues so that we can be the change we want to see in the community and world we live in.



# Propositions

The Associated Student Body of Berkeley City College (ASBCC) proposes a referendum amending Article VIII: Internal Corrective Action, Article IV: Executive Board to include:

An affirmative vote will amend section(s) 1 and 2; replace section(s) 3 and 4; and adds section(s) 5 and 6.

## Article VIII: Internal Corrective Action

1) Reasons for the removal of an Officer are:

- a) Failure to attend four regular ASBCC Council meetings as prescribed by the ASBCC Bylaws. However, ASBCC members are allowed to miss (at a maximum) four meetings with a proper excuse and notice. Reasons include but are not limited to: Medical, Illness, Family Emergency, Death/Funeral, or extenuating circumstances. If ASBCC officers miss five or more meetings (excused or non-excused) the violating officer(s) will have one week from the time of their absence to report to the ASBCC President and the Judicial Council Chief Justice. If no meeting is scheduled within the one-week period of the final offense, the formal process for impeachment of the officer(s) will begin. Under their discretion, the ASBCC President and the Judicial Council Chief Justice may excuse the officer but will be issued a provisional contract. The terms and stipulations will be decided at the ASBCC President's and Chief Justice's discretion (with a recommendation from the ASBCC Advisor). Failure to abide by these terms and stipulations will result in the formal process for impeachment of the officers.
- b) Failure to execute assigned duties and responsibilities, including attending weekly ASBCC meetings Thursdays from 12:20 - 1:20 PM (unless stated otherwise).
- c) Misappropriation of ASBCC funds.
- d) Assume an attitude unbecoming of an officer if found in violation of PCCD Student Standards of Conduct (Board Policy 5500). Any officers who are found to violate the PCCD Student Standards of Conduct may result in impeachment (at the discretion of the Judicial Council).

2) The Judicial Council has the sole power to conduct a formal hearing and censure or impeach an ASBCC officer(s) in the event of any of the above violations in the presence of an advisor.

3) In the case of censure or impeachment, the offending officer(s) will be notified of such actions in no more than 72 hours after the articles of impeachment or censure have been introduced. The offending officer(s) holds the right to defend themselves in these pertaining matters and disputes.

4) For any censure or impeachment to be levied, a 3/5 vote is required from the Judicial Council.

5) Appealing Process: In the case of impeachment or censure, the violating officer(s) may submit a formal appeal to the ASBCC Council within one week of impeachment or censure. For the appeal to be sustained, a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote is required from the ASBCC Council; otherwise, the decision of the Judicial Council stands.

6) In the event of an impeachment, the violating Officer(s) will be subject to a recall vote to be held in a special recall election within 2 weeks of impeachment by the students of Berkeley City College.

[3) The Judicial Council must present a formal document suggesting a sanction or an impeachment proceeding.]

[4) For any sanction or impeachment to be levied, a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote is required from the ASBCC Council.]\*

\*Note: [Red brackets] indicate a removed portion.

# Propositions (cont.)

## ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Associated Student Body of Berkeley City College (ASBCC) propose a referendum amending Article IV: Executive Board to include:

An affirmative vote will amend Article 4, section 4 of the ASBCC Constitution 4.

The Executive Board has the power to [fill all vacancies on the ASBCC Council] to nominate ASBCC officers in the case of vacancies or within an officer's dereliction of duty as determined by the Executive Board. In order to be nominated, the ASBCC officer(s) must receive 4/5th (or a simple majority if there are less than 5 voting members) of the vote from the Executive Board. All ASBCC Executive Board nominations shall be accessible and open to all ASBCC members for their input and advice. These appointments are subject to confirmation by the ASBCC General Council with a simple majority vote.

## ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Associated Student Body of Berkeley City College (ASBCC) propose a referendum amending Article IV: Executive Board within the Constitution to include:

An affirmative vote will amend section 11 within Article 4 of the ASBCC Constitution 11.

The Vice President of Finance is tasked with oversight of all financial functions of the ASBCC Council. This person is responsible for drafting a yearly budget and keeping track of expenditures and deposits for all ASBCC Council accounts and trusts from June 1st to May 31st through a record. This record (e.g Google Spreadsheets, Microsoft Excel) shall be publicized and accessible for the public through the Berkeley City College website. This person will also be in charge of making sure all transactions adhere to the ASBCC Financial Code.

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