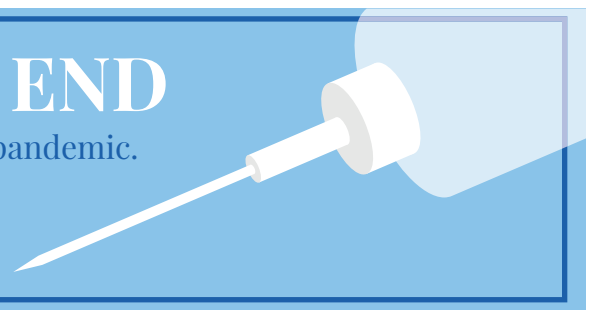


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## A.S. candidates begin campaigns

By Madilynne Medina  
STAFF WRITER

Almost exactly one year after classes transitioned to online learning, San José State's Associated Students launched its second year of remote elections on Monday.

During the "Meet the Candidates" event, hosted by the A.S. Student Elections Committee, more than 60 students attended to interact with candidates in three rounds of Zoom breakout rooms and two

SJSU themed trivia games with prizes.

Brenda Le, A.S. events officer and business administration junior, said the event exceeded the committee's expectations.

"The difficulties we anticipated before the event [were] getting students to come, such as regular students other than the candidates," Le said in a Zoom call.

There are 22 candidates running for positions on the A.S. board, with



**This year has a lot of great candidates. Last year the turnout was lower as many dropped out due to the pandemic.**

Flor Sario  
A.S. controller

six running unopposed and one position with no current candidates.

Flor Sario, a business administration senior and A.S. controller, said the candidate turnout is significantly

greater compared to last year's election.

"This year has a lot of great candidates," Sario said during the event. "Last year the turnout was lower as many dropped out due to the pandemic."

Le said the event's format allowed students to speak up, get to know each other and also provided incentives to encourage more people into attending future events.

The committee offered prizes for trivia activities and attendance including a Best Buy gift card, Nirvana Soul gift card, AirPods and a Nintendo Switch.

Industrial and systems engineering senior Alyssa Carlos said she was pleased the event

allowed her to discuss important topics with candidates directly and voice changes she wants to see on campus.

"I thought there would be more candidates introducing themselves and it would be lecture style, but it was really interactive," Carlos said in a Zoom call. "In a few breakout rooms we had really good conversations about what we wanted

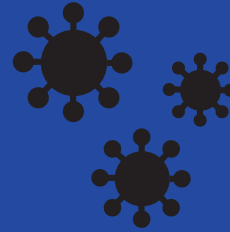
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## Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine



Administered in a singular dose for individuals 18 years of age and older.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the emergency use of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine on Feb. 26, 2021, but it hasn't approved or licensed the vaccine.



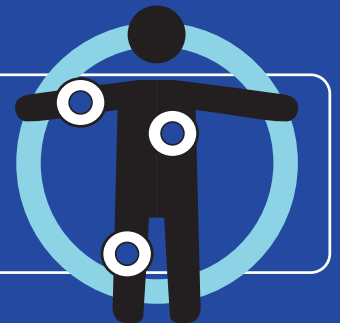
100% effective in preventing COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations.

86% effective against severe-to-critical COVID-19.

### Vaccine side effects:

Pain, redness of skin or swelling at injection site.

Fatigue, headaches, muscle aches, nausea and fever.



INFOGRAPHIC BY LINDSAY VILLAMOR; SOURCE: SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS TEAM

## Single-shot vaccine arrives in county

By Bryanna Bartlett  
NEWS EDITOR

Santa Clara County received 7,500 doses of the Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine on March 8 and is scheduled to receive a more on March 23.

The Santa Clara County Public Information Officers (PIO) team said vaccination appointments were stalled during the first two weeks of March because a low number of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines were allocated to the county.

"It is great news to have another highly effective COVID-19 vaccine in our arsenal," representatives from the PIO team stated in an email.

Vaccines are delivered to the county weekly and the number of doses vary depending on what the state supplies.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is administered in a singular dose for ages 18 and older,



**Maybe [there hasn't yet been] enough time to get through the bureaucracy of the FDA but I very much would rather take a vaccine that I know 50,000 people took and had very little harmful side effects than get COVID-19.**

Jacob Clark  
graduate student

according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Johnson & Johnson vaccine fact sheet.

San Jose State graduate student Jacob Clark said there is "no question" he'd take the

Johnson & Johnson vaccine if it was available for him today.

"The more vaccines that are out in the supply chain, the more people receive the vaccines, the faster we can return to some resemblance of normalcy," Clark said in a phone call.

As of Tuesday, 393,860 county residents have received at least one vaccine and 207,969 residents have completed their vaccination dosages, according to the SCC vaccination dashboard.

About 13% of residents 16 years and older are completely vaccinated, but the county must vaccinate 85% of residents to achieve herd immunity.

The PIO team said the county health department will soon learn more about the upcoming doses it's expected to receive, but the team is hopeful the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be a great step forward.

"It is an important tool for helping to end the

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Local family business expands homemade food service

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to see change on the SJSU campus.”

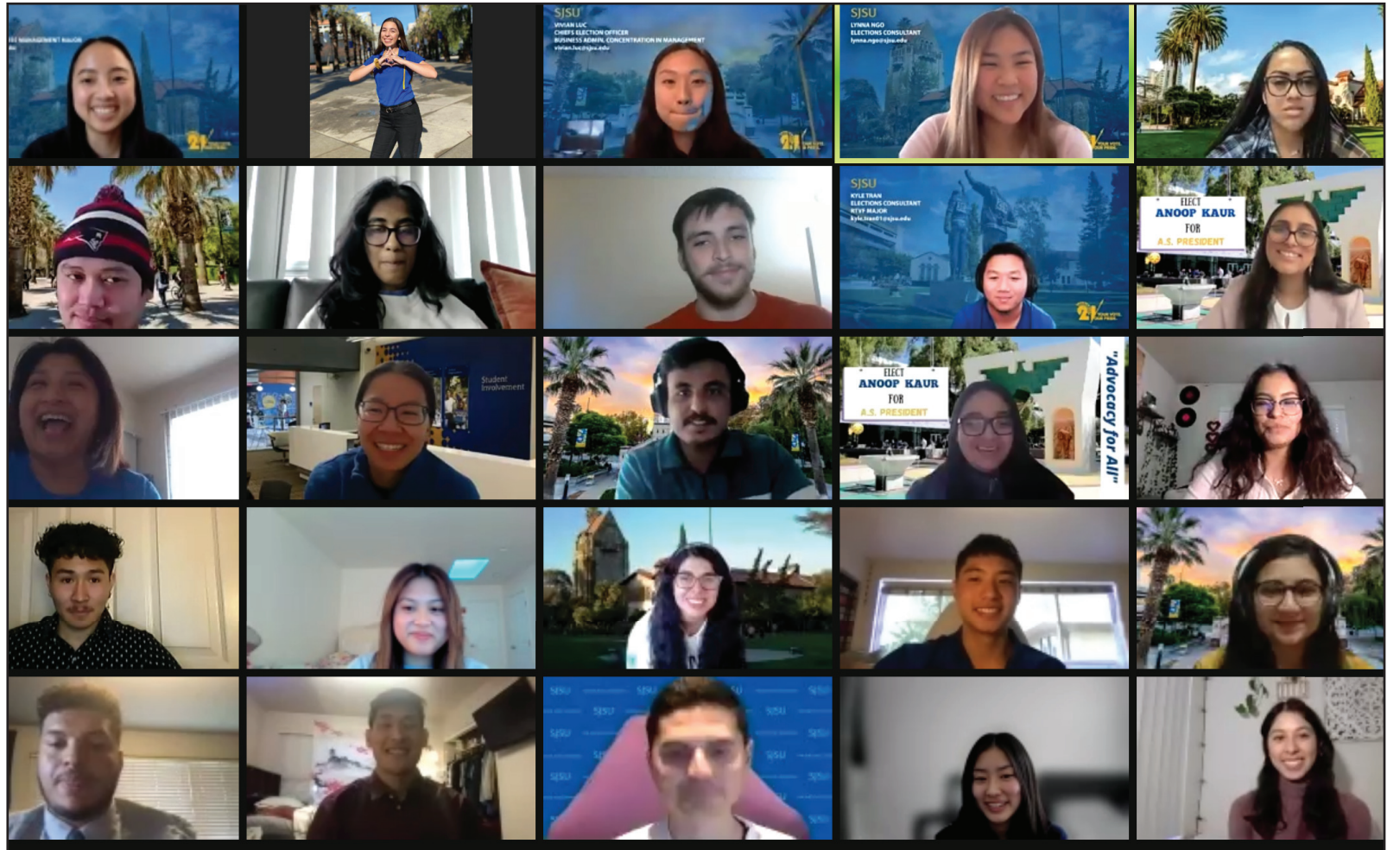
Le said many candidates presented common themes in their campaign bios and conversations.

“A lot of candidates are focused on social justice issues within the SJSU community,” she said.

Many candidates said during the event that although they’d prefer to campaign in person, they’re dedicated to being flexible and using their online platforms to their advantage.

Gerard Pablo, a public relations junior and Director of Communications candidate, said he prefers connecting with individual students in person.

“From the things I have learned from my major, I’m excited to start using those skills and apply them to posts and social media,” Pablo said during the event. “I



SCREENSHOT BY MADILYNNE MEDINA

San Jose State students meet with Associated Students candidates at the first election event of the semester through Zoom Monday.

enjoy campaigning in person, but I’m going to use this to my advantage by using multiple platforms.”

to see candidates are willing to be adaptable regardless of the semester being online or in person. “I thought there would be a lot of talk

[from the candidates] about returning to campus,” Carlos said. “But what I got from the candidates was that they were willing to meet the

student body wherever they are at, whether that is online or in person.” Voters can expect to see a “Meet the Candidates” Instagram campaign on the A.S. account

from April 6-9 as the next part of the election process.

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pandemic, given its effectiveness and that it is just one dose and easier to transport and store,” the PIO team said.

SJSU students react to receiving vaccinations

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was proven in an ongoing clinical trial to be 100% effective in preventing COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations, and 86% effective against

severe-to-critical COVID-19 symptoms, resulting in 72% overall efficacy.

The PIO team said the vaccine was tested under different circumstances than the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. This included testing for different circulating variants and a higher probability of transmission occurrence in the county.

According to the FDA fact sheet, 21,895 people 18 years and older have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in the clinical trial and the duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

The Moderna vaccine is for individuals 18 and older and is 94% effective while the Pfizer vaccine is for people 16 and older and is 95% effective, the PIO team said.

Clark said although Johnson & Johnson’s efficacy is lower than the other two vaccines, it’s still decently effective.

“When you consider that [Johnson & Johnson’s vaccine] is one shot and you don’t need the same logistical burden as the other two vaccines where it doesn’t need the same cooling when being stored . . . it’s definitely an improvement [against COVID-19],” Clark said.

The FDA made the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines available under emergency use and therefore they haven’t undergone the same type of review as a cleared product, according to the FDA fact sheet.

FDA emergency use authorizations are issued when there are no adequate, approved and available alternatives.

Despite a lack of long-term data on the vaccines, applied mathematics senior Megha Sharma said she’ll continue to trust experts.

“People who developed [these vaccines] and approved them have done extensive research on the virus,” Sharma said.

Like Sharma, Clark said people have to trust those who spent their lives studying this material.

“Maybe [there hasn’t been] enough time to get through the bureaucracy of the FDA but I very much would rather take a vaccine that I know 50,000 people took and had very little harmful side effects, than get COVID-19,” Clark said.



People who developed [these vaccines] and approved them have done extensive research on the virus.

Megha Sharma applied mathematics senior

Similar to Moderna and Pfizer, side effects from the Johnson & Johnson vaccine include pain, redness of skin or swelling at the injection site, fatigue, headaches, muscle aches, nausea and fever, according to the FDA fact sheet.

The PIO team said while vaccines arrive weekly and COVID-19 cases decline, the county’s public health department is concerned about a transmission spike as activities resume under the red tier and new variants circulate.

“We need everyone to be diligent in wearing masks, maintaining proper social distancing, getting tested regularly and getting vaccinated when your time comes,” the team said.

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Crime Blotter

**Burglary**  
March 3, 10:41 a.m. at Dwight Bentel Hall  
Information Only

**Trespassing without consent**  
March 8, 7:27 p.m. at Delta Zeta sorority  
Adult Arrest

**Burglary**  
March 12, 7:03 a.m. at Spartan Stadium  
Information Only

**Under Influence of Controlled Substance**  
March 12, 1:30 p.m. at North Garage  
Adult Arrest

**Trespassing: refuse to leave property**  
March 6, 12:44 p.m. at Kappa Delta sorority  
Adult Cited

**Vandalism**  
March 9, 3:02 a.m. at Central Classroom Building  
Information Only

**False bomb**  
March 12, 12:07 p.m. near Independence High School  
Adult Arrest

**Burglary**  
March 12, 11:08 p.m. at Boccardo Business Complex  
Adult Arrest

# Business brings family together

By Madison Fagundes  
STAFF WRITER

When Diana Maciel began selling food out of her home in May, she never expected to launch a small business now called Mi Casa. After almost one year making Mexican food from scratch, Maciel and her family are preparing to reopen their business in a new location on Sunday.

Maciel was an event planner and caterer until the coronavirus pandemic started in March 2020.

With almost all her business gone, her family suggested she sell her home-cooked food. Her children helped by supporting different parts of the business.

“We definitely didn’t anticipate starting a small business,” said San Jose State alumna Lulu Salas, one of Maciel’s daughters in a Zoom interview. “It was just something that kind of came with the demand of her food.”

Until recently, Salas managed the business through Instagram where she took orders that were picked up from their home every Sunday.

Maciel said she loves connecting with people by cooking for them.

“It just felt very homey and it’s all in the name,”



ILLUSTRATION BY BIANCA RADER

Maciel said in Spanish through a translator. “We’re called Mi Casa and people were coming to our house.”

As the business grew, the food became increasingly popular among San Jose State students especially because of Mi Casa’s vegan-friendly options.

Mel Chircop, a photography senior, said their experience with the vegan tacos with consomé were incredible.

“The first bite was full of flavor and I just really enjoyed eating it,” Chircop said.

Despite the family’s reputation for great food, Mi Casa was forced to shut

“  
**My favorite part is all of us creating something together. Everybody brings something to the table.**

**Lulu Salas**  
Daughter of Mi Casa owner Diana Maciel

down in November after a neighbor expressed concerns about running a business out of their home during the pandemic.

However, the family didn’t let this stop them.

While Mi Casa was closed,

Salas fundraised money through raffles advertised on Instagram. The family raised enough money for Maciel to secure proper licenses and a venue.

“That was really something to figure out because we were really comfortable with how we were doing things, but we understand that [working from home] wasn’t ideal,” Salas said.

Mi Casa will be reopening at their new address near Downtown San Jose at 949 Ruff Dr.

The venue is a commissary kitchen, a commercial-grade kitchen where food businesses

can work without having to own and maintain the facility themselves.

Maciel hopes to combine Mi Casa with her previous catering and event planning business and expand them together in the future. She said she’s already created partnerships with multiple venues when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

“I’m hoping that now I’ll come back stronger than ever with my businesses because now I have multiple services to offer,” Maciel said.

Maciel, Salas and their family took a situation filled with fear and uncertainty and instead created something positive. Salas said this experience has brought them even closer to each other.

“My favorite part is all of us creating something together,” Salas said “Everybody brings something to the table.”

Maciel encourages small businesses to be authentic and foster support systems that can make a big difference.

“I’m very fortunate to have my daughters behind me supporting me,” Maciel said. “Ensure that you have people who believe in your vision so that you keep going because whatever you’re going to set out to do is possible.”

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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**ACROSS**

- Intertwines
- Classical Greek
- On the left or right
- Japanese stick fighting
- Brighten
- He gives backrubs
- Contemptuous look
- Seize
- Arrived
- Be unwell
- Card with one symbol
- Historical periods

**DOWN**

- Monarch
- French for “Black”
- Ancient Peruvian
- Fastened
- Scour
- Expediting
- Unassisted
- Roman emperor
- Emotional pang
- Cause to glow
- Mildew (British spelling)
- Plaster

- Trim
- Got up
- North American deer (plural)
- “Wise” birds
- Conceited
- Border
- Practices
- Grows weak and thin
- Close
- Russian parliament
- Mining finds
- Threesome
- Assists
- Wanderer
- Andean animals
- Damsons
- Eagle’s nest
- Electrical pioneer
- Russian emperors
- Anagram of “Mail”
- Out of control
- 10 cent coin
- Curved molding
- Part of a plant

### SUDOKU PUZZLE

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### JOKIN’ AROUND

Where do rabbits go after they get married?

On a bunny moon

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# Dr. Seuss shouldn't be canceled



**Sarah Dwyer**  
STAFF WRITER

Today's cancel culture has people walking with trepidation, cautious of things said or done in the past that can later be used against them.

That may work going forward, but the past can't change.

Films, music and books from years ago are being held to today's standards, including beloved Dr. Seuss books that have recently been under fire.

Cancel culture has risen over the past few years as a widely accepted form of ostracism for people, ideas and even thoughts that oppose the current social status quo.

Just as last century's standards differ from today's, cancel culture crusaders are forgetting their current standards will also change one day.

What usually gets canceled these days are offensive, toxic or controversial subject matters.

Alas, the day has come when some of the most famous children's books are deemed so offensive they've been pulled from some online retailers. Don't worry about your green eggs and ham, that one is safe – for now.

Six titles including "And to Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street," "If I Ran the Zoo," "McElligot's Pool," "On Beyond Zebra!" "Scrambled Eggs Super!" and "The Cat's Quizzer," have been recalled and publication and distribution ceased, according to a March 3 CNN article.

Activists argue their reasonings for these



ILLUSTRATION BY DAISHA SHERMAN

cancellations are based on offensive racial stereotypes and caricatures of people of color.

For example, in "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" a "Chinese man with sticks" has two lines for eyes and is depicted holding chopsticks and a bowl.

This book was published in 1937 and it's no surprise that something from 1937 hasn't aged well.

The problem here isn't the possibility of some people getting offended by this kind of material.

The real problem is there's a whole generation, maybe two if we're going to count the avocado toast-eating millennials, who think they can go through life dodging

and canceling anything that remotely offends them.

It's impossible to live without getting offended and it's foolish to try.

Unfortunately, canceling books is nothing new. The Orwellian method of burning and banning books has been in practice for centuries to stop the spread of "dangerous" information.

According to an Aug. 31, 2017 Smithsonian Magazine article, one of the more notorious examples of book burning was done by the Nazi party at the behest of Adolf Hitler "who regularly employed language framing themselves as the victims of Jews."

Parents should have the freedom to decide what is appropriate for their young

children to read.

When you take away the right to choose, the ability for discourse and discussion about why this portrayal might not be appropriate today is also removed.

If parents or children are offended by 1930s depictions, then they have the right to not buy or read them. They don't have the right to take the choice away from anyone else.

Books with foul language, intentions and beliefs are everywhere. Mein Kampf, the Nazi manifesto by Hitler, is still in publication in the U.S. and is available by retailers including Barnes & Noble and eBay.

However, the wicked words of Dr. Seuss in "And to Think I Saw It Happen

on Mulberry Street" are too much for eBay.

There is a glimmer of hope for avid readers of "The Cat in the Hat" and since Seuss's wrongful cancelation, interest and sales have surged.

According to a March 4 NYDailyNews.com article, "18 Dr. Seuss titles were on Barnes & Noble's top 20 bestseller list. Over at Amazon, nine Dr. Seuss books made up the site's top 10 bestseller list."

Sometimes banning or opposing something only makes the demand for it stronger. The cancel culture crusaders can never cancel classics.

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# It's time for Washington D.C. to become a state



**Madison Fagundes**  
STAFF WRITER

Washington D.C. residents have fought to make our nation's capital a state since the beginning of the 19th century and it's time to start listening to them.

A bill was introduced to the Senate to make this dream a reality and for the sake of voting rights equality, it needs to be passed.

When the seat of government, or the location where a country governs, was transferred to the District of Columbia in 1800. Residents were stripped of their right to both state and national representation according to the FAQ page of D.C. Statehood Yes We Can, a nonprofit advocating for the rights of D.C. residents.

This was done to ensure voters in D.C. wouldn't have more weight in decision making because of their close proximity to the seat of power.

D.C. residents can currently elect one delegate to the House of Representatives who can draft legislation, according to Statehood D.C.

The district is only allowed one representative, the same number of delegates as the least populous state Wyoming with 569,000 residents.

However, because the nation's capital is considered a neutral area, the delegate from D.C. can't

vote on any decision except procedural matters and in congressional committees, according to a June 29, 2020 Congressional Research Service article. The House can also overturn decisions made by the district's locally elected government.

Washington residents also aren't allowed to elect delegates to the Senate, meaning they have no representation in that branch of Congress.

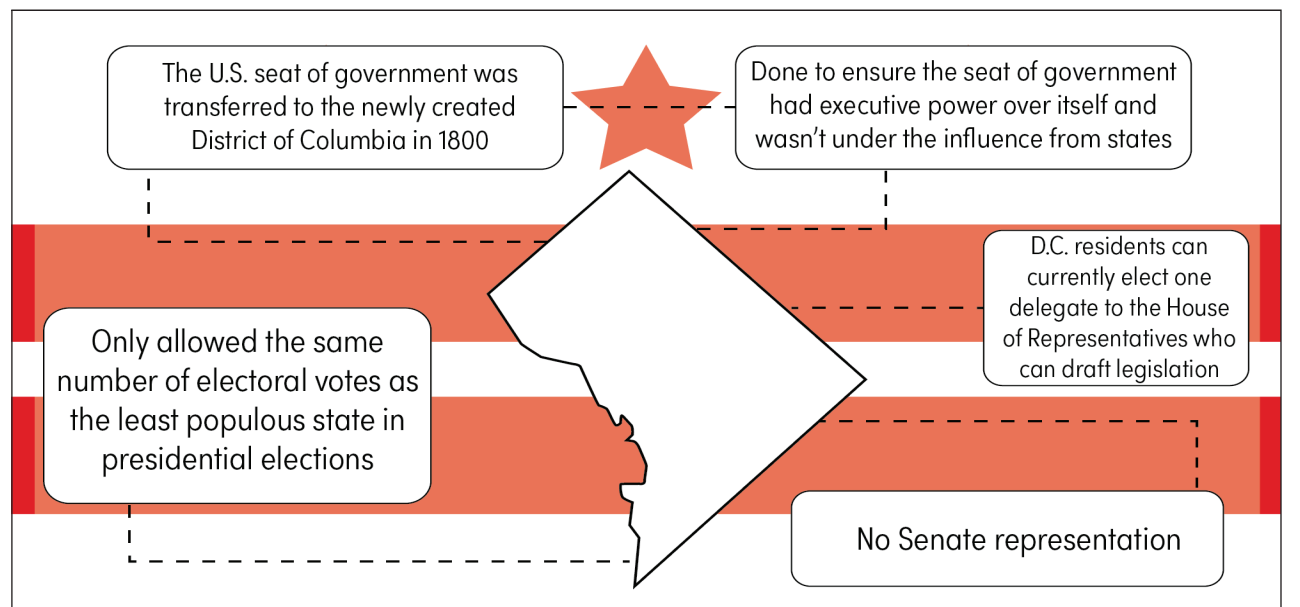
In presidential elections, D.C. is given the same number of electoral votes as the least populous state.

This is unfair to D.C. residents, especially because they're nowhere close to being the least populous state.

Many people argue that Washington D.C. is too small to be a state, but that isn't true.

Washington D.C. has a population of approximately 714,000, which is higher than the population of Vermont and Wyoming, according to World Population Review. This means about 714,000 American citizens are being deprived of their right to formal government representation.

Delaware Democratic Sen. Tom Carper's bill, the Washington D.C. Admission Act, would undo this injustice by making D.C. a state and giving its residents



INFOGRAPHIC BY LINDSAY VILLAMOR

**Washington D.C.'s lack of representation is a great injustice against its residents and it goes against the core values of our democracy.**

the representation they deserve. It was introduced in January, but the House hasn't voted on it yet.

The bill gained more support following the Jan. 6 insurrection where a mob stormed the Capitol building.

Despite lack of Senate representation, D.C. police rushed to defend the building where poorly prepared federal security failed. Defending the Capitol is not their job, but they showed up anyway.

Now, newly heightened security on Capitol Hill has created a bigger divide between D.C. residents and federal government officials. Many residents

feel like they have no say in what's happening in their own city, according to a Feb. 24 Bloomberg Businessweek article.

D.C. residents deserve to have proper congressional representation, especially when decisions about Capitol Hill happen in their own backyard. How can the U.S. claim to be a democracy but deny representation to those at the heart of the country?

Washington residents pay the highest per-capita federal income taxes in the U.S., according to D.C. Statehood government website. But since it is a district and not a state, it has no authority in how

these federal tax dollars are spent throughout the country.

This conflicts with our Constitution in the clause "taxation without representation." D.C. is taking on the responsibilities of statehood but reaping none of the benefits.

If the district became a state, residents would also pay state taxes. Public programs in D.C. including schools, parks and libraries are currently funded through federal taxes because it isn't a state, but if residents paid state taxes that wouldn't be necessary.

This means the federal government would have more money to put toward federal programs that would benefit the country holistically.

D.C.'s statehood isn't just a political issue, it's also a racial justice issue. If Washington D.C. became a state, it would be the only plurality-Black state in the U.S. according to D.C. Statehood.

A plurality-Black state

means while Black people don't make up more than half the state's population, they're still the most populous ethnic group.

The U.S. has historically overrepresented the white vote at the expense of minorities and their votes are still being disenfranchised through intimidation, gerrymandering or purposefully withholding voting materials.

Making D.C. a state would be a step toward equality in local, state and federal government influences.

Washington D.C.'s lack of representation is a great injustice against its residents and it goes against the core values of our democracy. D.C. must be allowed statehood to provide equal representation to the American people.

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## OPINION

# Anti-transgender bill is immoral



**Madison Fagundes**  
STAFF WRITER

The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2021 (HR 426) is a cruel attack on the transgender community and the legislation shouldn't be considered by Congress.

On Jan. 21 Florida Republican Rep. Greg Steube introduced this bill which would withhold funding for athletic organizations that allow trans students to participate in sex-segregated programs.

According to a March 11 NBC article, similar bills have recently passed in Mississippi and South Dakota.

HR 426 specifically targets trans women athletes and states "sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth."

This raises many concerns for the trans community. Trans

students are already marginalized and passing this bill will only make them more vulnerable to harassment and ostracization.

The bill doesn't discuss how athletic programs will identify trans athletes. This has lead many to fear that both cisgender and transgender students may be forced to undergo genital exams, according to a Feb. 9 Them article, a community platform that tells stories about the queer community.

Such exams would be extremely violating and traumatic, especially to young trans students.

Trans youth are already at an increased risk for abuse and passing HR 426 would only make that risk higher. Trans students also might be more likely to harm themselves as a result of that abuse.

More than half of

young trans men and almost 30% of young trans women will attempt suicide, according to a Sept. 12, 2018 Human Rights Campaign article. Children are dying because they aren't being protected and the bill will only make these statistics worse.

There is absolutely no reason to put children, or anyone, through such an upsetting situation in the name of "fairness."

However, this bill isn't about fairness.

Rep. Steube, who introduced the bill, is known to be outwardly transphobic.

He said transgender people offend God during a debate on the Equality Act, according to a Feb. 25 Independent article.

"It's not clothing or personal style that offends God, but rather the use of one's appearance to act out or take on a sexual identity different from the one biologically assigned by God at birth," he said.

This isn't even the first time Steube has introduced discriminatory legislation like this.

He introduced a bill nearly identical to HR 426 last year called the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2020, according to Congress's website. The bill never made it to the voting stage.

HR 426 supporters argue trans people have an unfair advantage against cisgender athletes because of the hormones they take, but this is completely false.



CREATIVE COMMONS PHOTO FROM WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

**Patricio Manuel is the first transgender man to become a professional boxer and disagrees with the idea that trans athletes have an unfair advantage in sports.**

Patricio Manuel, the first trans man to become a professional boxer, said that these assumptions about transgender people are dehumanizing in a Sept. 26, 2019 Reuters article.

"A lot of the immediate pushback is usually from people who haven't

done adequate research," Manuel said. "I don't feel that trans athletes have any specific advantages or disadvantages."

The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2021 is intentionally transphobic and passing it will do more harm than good.

This bill needs to be thrown out and there is no reason for it to be passed.

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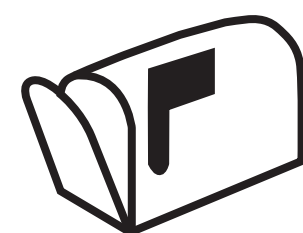
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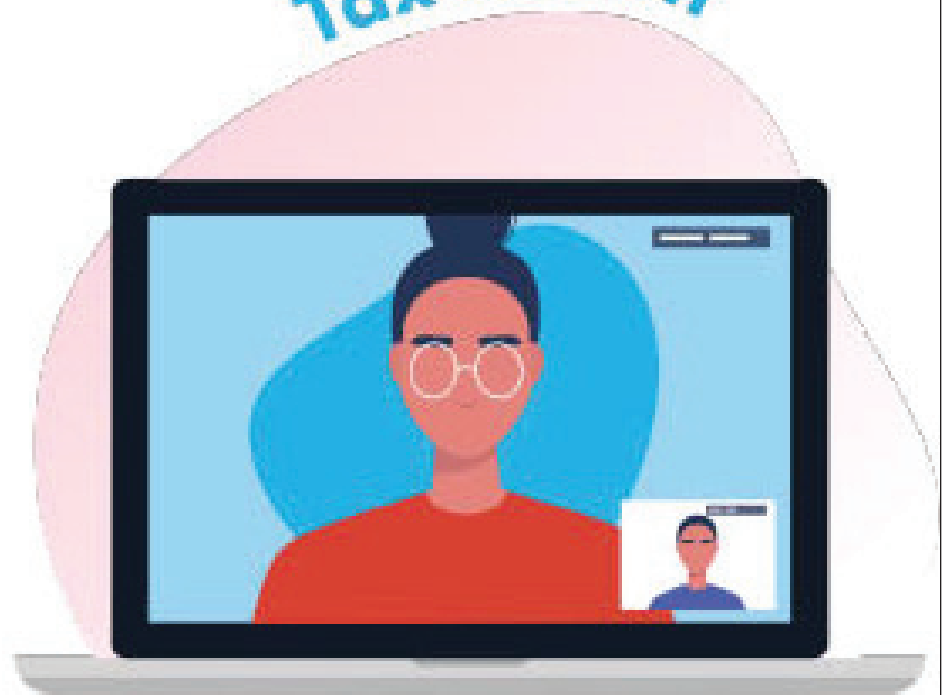
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