

# Eliana Judith Sisman

Hello lovely people! As an autistic Jewish woman, I have experienced the stigma and confusion endured by individuals and communities who face adversity and defy expectations about who belongs on this campus, but I have also learned about the dignity of difference and the value of friendship, determination and caring from my fellow students of all backgrounds and from my disabled, neurodivergent and Jewish communities. My values are self-determination, solidarity, respect, equality, community and kindness. I advocate for the correction of injustice in all forms and the development of healthy, liberating and joyful environments throughout UCLA. As a General Representative I would prioritize nutrition, disability rights, students' health needs, and international education and channel my influence and resources to support UCLA's amazing student organizations and activists who are brilliantly serving and advocating for this community and have been doing so for decades.

## Platform

1. Health for all-nutrition education and the expansion of cooking spaces open to students, funding for health needs and toxicology tests, improved ventilation, programming about positive psychology, and by promoting health access and equality for all including advocacy to combat injustices against students of color and disabled students.
2. Access and equity for all-unconditionally support the wonderful student groups who are defending and restoring the autonomy of student-run access and retention projects, advocating for UCLA to implement full hybrid learning, and building increased support for disabled, transfer, minority and low-income students.
3. International education and global solidarity-host events spotlighting international activists and humanitarians working to support their people and transform unjust conditions. These events will introduce students to worthwhile organizations they can fundraise, volunteer, work or lobby for with the support of my office.

## Experience

1. I advocated for accessible and equitable education as a member of the Disabled Students Union and the Strike For Our Safety coalition. I physically participated in much of the sit-in and arranged events bringing together UCLA's awesome disabled activists and influential people from outside UCLA to raise awareness.
2. I helped Students Vs. Pandemics edit a cookbook with healthy recipes for the hardworking low-income people served by Second Harvest, a food bank which assists 400,000 individuals every month in Silicon Valley.
3. I'm currently fighting Internet addiction and promoting healthy tech use by creating and building up Students Stop Tech Addiction Together, a peer support and educational organization, and developing a presentation for the

Semel Healthy Campus Institute's Information Literacy and Media Summit.

4. I'm helping to organize a community forum and advocating for increased attention to student voices as a member of the Student Advisory Board for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.
5. I developed a comprehensive disability policy plan for Marianne Williamson's visionary 2020 presidential campaign. You can read the plan which I created together with Roger Wolfson, a leader of Marianne's campaign, at this link: <https://marianne2020.com/issues/disability-justice>