**Overview**

The Associated Students Representation and Engagement Program, known as We Should Be In Office, is a program aimed at encouraging marginalized identities to run for public office. This program seeks to amplify the voices of students who have been traditionally silenced or unrepresented in public office and state institutions. The program is designed to create a welcoming and productive space for discussions about campaigning for public office. It has historically included events like Elect Her, focusing on empowering women to run for office. However, the program has decided to expand its inclusivity by changing its programming to fully represent and engage all identities on our campus.

**Summary of Proposal**

The program is proposing the implementation of closed caucus spaces during the event. These spaces are intended to allow people from different communities to discuss challenges and hardships unique to their campaigning experience. This approach is anticipated to provide networking opportunities and coalition building, as running a campaign requires strong support. The proposal aims to create a more inclusive environment for all identities.

**Fiscally**

No fiscal implications are expected, as the event has already been budgeted for this year.

**Rationale**

The caucus spaces are crucial for providing communities with a platform to share their unique experiences and hardships in campaigning for public office. By implementing these spaces in programing, the intent is to enhance the overall experience for everyone participating in AS Elections and campaigning for public office in general.