

Complaint #26-13

Petitioner(s): Ethan Xu

Respondent(s): Tav Cockrell and Ian Kariuki

The following allegations were filed Feb 19, 2026, 8:14 PM:

- **Article 4, Section 3, Clause 8:** Senators cannot endorse any officers running on a ticket.

Decision [02/20/26]: Petitioner's complaint **HAS MERIT** and this **IS** a violation of the Election Code.

Conclusion: The campaign page for respondents is followed by several UH SGA CLASS Senate candidates. Under the interpretation of the Election Commission and Judiciary, following a campaign-branded account on social media constitutes a public show of support and is classified as an endorsement. As Article 4, Section 3, Clause 8 explicitly prohibits Senators from endorsing any officers running on a ticket, the presence of these candidates in the "followers" list of the presidential ticket's account creates a violation of the governing documents.

Sanction: A written warnign was provided serving as the **Class C Violation** notice for both the respondents and the involved Senate candidates. Per the 2026 SGA Election Code, the first instance of a Class C violation results in a **written warning**. All involved parties are directed to unfollow the campaign-branded account immediately to cease the unauthorized endorsement.

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji Election Commissioner

February 20, 2026

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Elanna Benton

Following



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Ali Gharrawi

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Madelyn Stuart

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