

## **Complaint #26-17**

**Petitioner(s):** Juan Gonzalez Diaz

**Respondent(s):** Joshua Sambrano and Lundan Sherrod

**The following allegations were filed Feb 28, 2026, 8:24 AM:**

- **Section 4 Clause 3 Campaign Ethics:** "All candidates must campaign and promote the SGA Elections in a positive manner. Negative campaigning or 'mudslinging' is not appropriate through any media. Issues may be discussed candidly, but personal attacks on candidates are not tolerated."

**Decision [03/05/26]:** Petitioner's complaint **DOES NOT HAVE MERIT** and this **IS NOT** a violation of the Election Code.

**Conclusion:** The statements describing a previous administration as "useless" and alleging that members were "openly resume boosting" constitute rhetorical critiques of a collective governing body's performance rather than targeted personal attacks on a specific individual. Under the Election Code, candidates are permitted to discuss public records and administrative effectiveness candidly. Because these comments address the perceived intent and outcomes of a past administration as a whole, they do not meet the legal threshold for prohibited "mudslinging" or "personal attacks."

**Sanction:** None.

**Appeals:** n/a

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Election Commissioner

March 5, 2026



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