

Complaint #26-25

Petitioner(s): Angel Moss

Respondent(s): Ian Kariuki

The following allegations were filed March 4, 2026, 2:56 PM:

- **Article 4, Section 2, Clause 13:** "Campaigning within the walls or within fifteen (15) feet from the entrances of UH libraries, student centers, recreation and wellness centers, residence halls, dining halls, and/or within any dining establishment owned/operated by the University of Houston is prohibited. This does not protect non-active campaigning once it becomes active campaigning. Non-active campaigning will be classified as active campaigning if a candidate, volunteer, or campaign staff member approaches someone with the intention to solicit votes, draws attention to oneself with the intention to solicit votes, draws attention to other material within the building that is intended to solicit votes, or engages in manners that are not respectful to the people or building and out of the norm to solicit votes."

Decision [03/06/26]: Petitioner's complaint **DOES NOT HAVE MERIT** and this **IS NOT** a violation of the Election Code.

Conclusion: The complaint alleges that Candidate Ian Kariuki was campaigning within 15 feet of Cougar Village 1 on March 3rd at 9:00 PM. While a photo was provided as evidence, it is insufficient to establish a violation. Based solely on the perspective and depth of the photograph, it cannot be definitively proven that the candidate was within the restricted 15-foot zone; from the visual angle provided, the candidate appears to be outside that immediate perimeter (estimated at 15 feet or more away). Without a measurable reference or clearer documentation of the physical distance, the legal threshold for a merit ruling is not met.

Sanction: None.

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji

Election Commissioner

