

Complaint #26-28

Petitioner(s): Erina Berisha

Respondent(s): Ian Kariuki

The following allegations were filed March 4, 2026, 4:41 PM:

- **Article 4, Section 2, Clause 1:** "No campaign may be on or use personal or intellectual property without the consent of the owner."
- **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.**

Conclusion: This complaint is a **double jeopardy** situation as it addresses the same incident and behaviour already adjudicated in **Complaint #25**. The allegation involves Candidate Ian Kariuki campaigning within 15 feet of Cougar Village 1 on March 3rd at 9:00 PM. As previously ruled, the visual evidence provided is insufficient to definitively prove the candidate was within the restricted 15-foot zone; from the perspective of the photo, he appears to be outside that immediate perimeter. Per the Judiciary's interpretation, multiple reports for the same localized event do not constitute new, separate violations of University policy.

Sanction: None (Refer to Complaint #25).

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji

Election Commissioner



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