

Complaint #26-29

Petitioner(s): Madelyn Stuart

Respondent(s): Tav Cockrell and Ian Kariuki

The following allegations were filed March 4, 2026, 4:54 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."
- **Article 4, Section 1, Clause 3:** "'Non-active campaigning' or 'indirect solicitation of votes' is defined as an intentional attempt to obtain votes through materials that can be seen or heard by potential voters. Examples include... hanging flyers around campus..."

Decision [03/07/26]: Petitioner's complaint **DOES NOT HAVE MERIT** and this **IS NOT** a violation of the Election Code.

Conclusion: The petitioner alleges that campaign materials were placed inside the UH Honors College, which is located within the University of Houston library. While the library is a restricted area, this complaint mirrors the circumstances of **Complaint #24** regarding materials found in the library. As previously determined, the mere presence of campaign materials in a prohibited building does not satisfy the requirements of the Election Code without evidence that a candidate or campaign staff member intentionally placed them there. Because no proof was provided of "active campaigning," such as a volunteer being seen placing the items or approaching students, this is considered a **double jeopardy** scenario based on the same lack of evidence found in previous library-related filings.

Sanction: None.

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji

Election Commissioner

