

Complaint #26-30

Petitioner(s): Madelyn Stuart

Respondent(s): Ian Kariuki

The following allegations were filed March 4, 2026, 5:17 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."
- **Article 4, Section 1, Clause 2:** "'Active campaigning' or a 'direct solicitation of votes' is defined as an attempt to obtain votes through personal communication or contact."

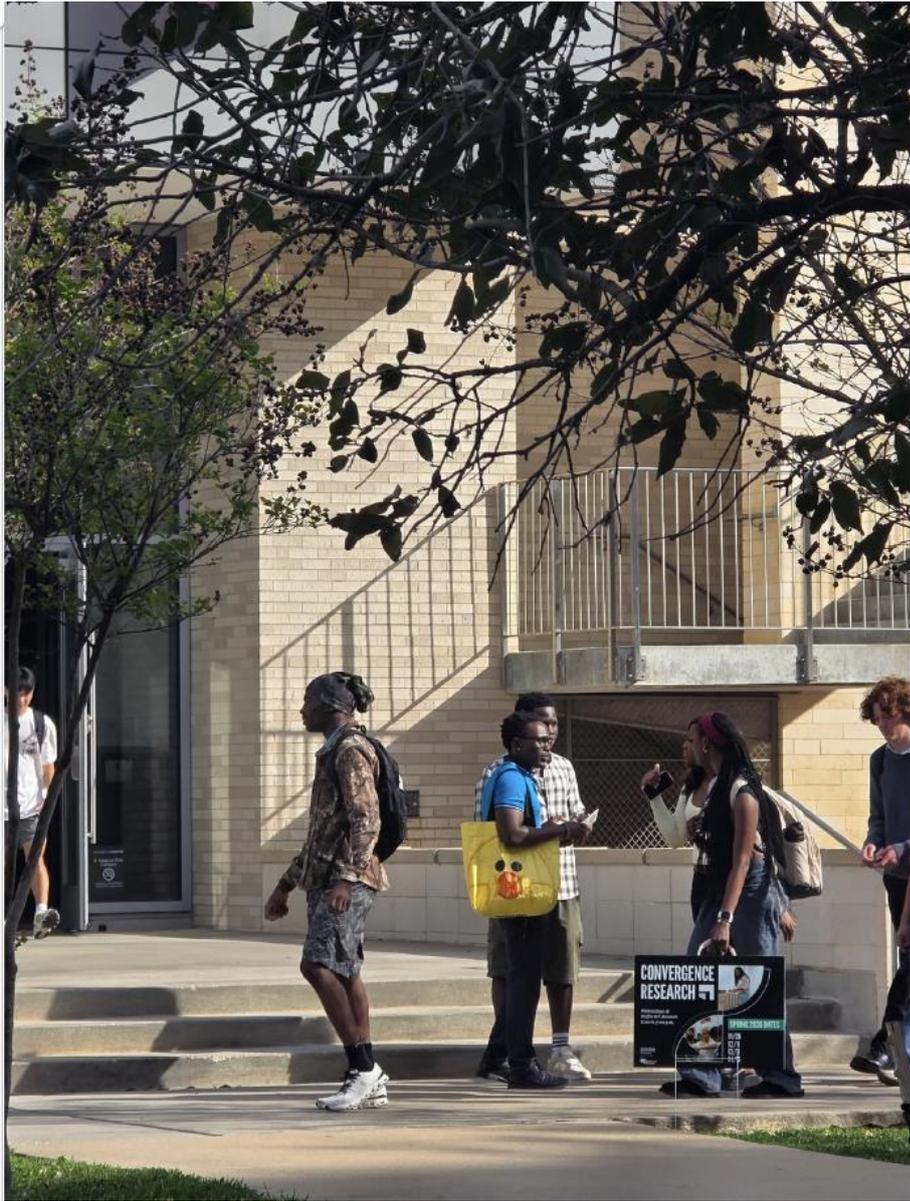
Decision [03/07/26]: Petitioner's complaint **DOES NOT HAVE MERIT.**

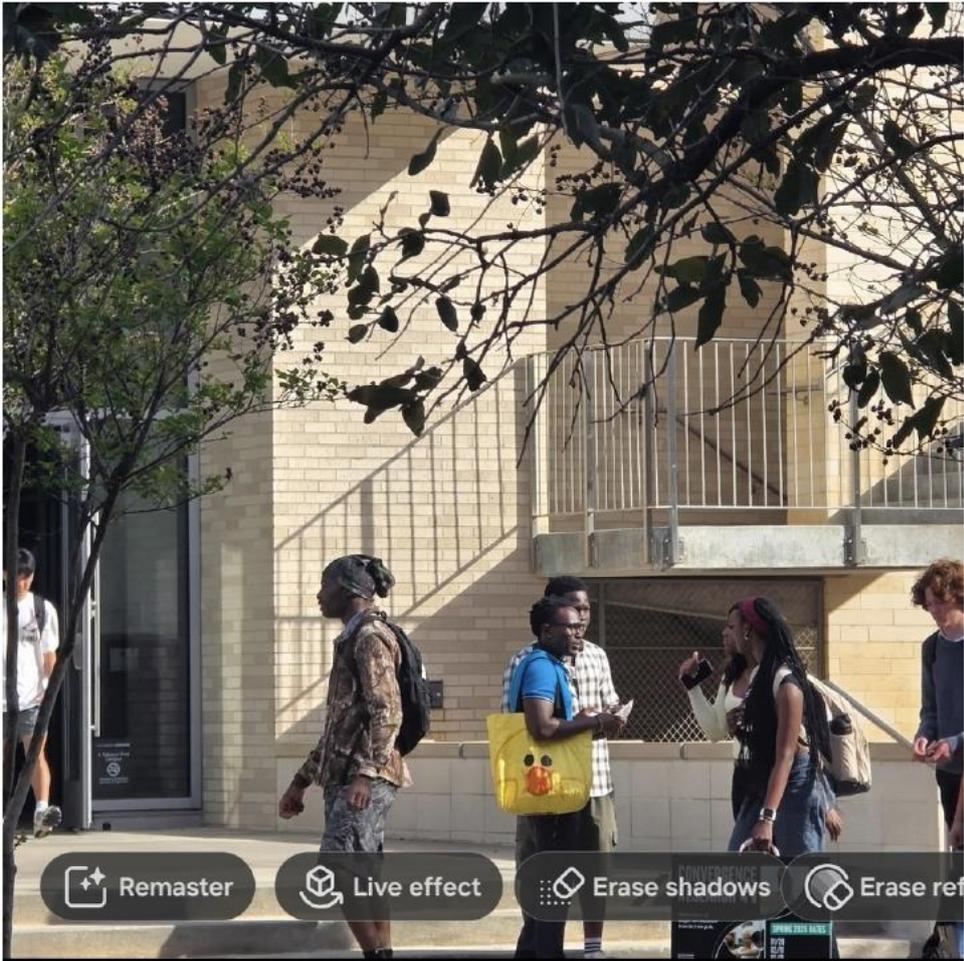
Conclusion: The petitioner alleges that Candidate Ian Kariuki was actively campaigning within 15 feet of the Student Center entrance on March 4th at 3:54 PM. While the complaint describes face-to-face communication, the visual evidence provided is insufficient to establish a violation. Not only can the physical distance not be definitively measured, but based on the perspective of the documentation, the candidate appears to be outside of the restricted 15-foot zone. Without a fixed reference point confirming he was within the prohibited area, the legal threshold for a merit ruling is not met.

Sanction: None.

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji Election Commissioner





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