

## Complaint #26-31

**Petitioner(s):** Madelyn Stuart

**Respondent(s):** Tav Cockrell and Ian Kariuki

**The following allegations were filed March 4, 2026, 6:23 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, but are not limited to, the following: posting campaign graphics on social media, hanging flyers around campus, or wearing campaign-branded shirts asking students to vote for you."

**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 found inside an Honors College classroom located within the University library on March 4, 2026. While the library is a restricted area, this complaint constitutes a **double jeopardy** situation as it mirrors the circumstances of **Complaint #24** and **Complaint #29**. As previously determined, the mere presence of a campaign card or flyer in a prohibited building does not satisfy the requirements for a violation without evidence that a candidate or campaign staff member intentionally placed it there. Because no proof was provided of "active campaigning"—such as a volunteer being witnessed placing the materials—this filing is dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence connecting the campaign to the placement of the items.

**Sanction:** None.

**Appeals:** n/a

**Zainab Khimji** Election Commissioner

