

Complaint #26-32

Petitioner(s): Madelyn Stuart

Respondent(s): Tav Cockrell and Ian Kariuki

The following allegations were filed March 4, 2026, 7:23 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."
- **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."

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 cards were found inside the Student Center on March 4, 2026. While the Student Center is a prohibited location for campaigning under the Election Code, this complaint represents a **double jeopardy** situation similar to **Complaint #24** and **Complaint #31**. As previously adjudicated, the mere presence of campaign materials in a restricted building does not satisfy the requirements for a violation 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 or staff member being observed placing the cards or soliciting votes, the evidence is insufficient to hold the campaign responsible for the location of the materials.

Sanction: None.

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji

Election Commissioner



POLICY AT A GLANCE

ACCESSIBILITY
- ensure the highest level of service and support
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SUSTAINABILITY
- ensure the highest level of service and support
- ensure the highest level of service and support
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ACADEMICS
- ensure the highest level of service and support
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