

Complaint #26-33

Petitioner(s): Madelyn Stuart

Respondent(s): Tav Cockrell and Ian Kariuki

The following allegations were filed March 4, 2026, 7:58 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 2, Clause 4:** "No candidate may campaign door-to-door in residence halls or take any other action that violates the University of Houston Student Housing & Residential Life Policy."
- **Article 4, Section 1, Clause 7 (Candidate Responsibility):** "Candidates will be held responsible for any activities by their supporters that are in violation of the provisions of the SGA election code if there is explicit evidence that supports that a candidate authorized or requested such activities..."

Decision [03/07/26]: Petitioner's complaint **HAS MERIT** and this **IS** a violation of the Election Code.

Conclusion: Upon closer inspection of the visual evidence provided, the individuals identified as campaign staff for Tav Cockrell and Ian Kariuki were observed in the immediate vicinity of Cougar Village 1. The documentation confirms they were holding campaign flyers and engaging in direct, personal communication with students entering the facility.

The proximity to the entrance is determined to be within the restricted fifteen-foot zone. This combination of "active campaigning" (direct solicitation) and the prohibited location constitutes a direct violation of **Article 4, Section 2, Clause 13**. Under **Article 4, Section 1, Clause 7**, the candidates are held responsible for the actions of these staff members as they were actively promoting the Tav/Ian ticket in a restricted area.

Sanction: There is merit. However, due to the submission time of this violation and the time needed to effectively review, no sanction was implemented.

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji Election Commissioner









POLICY AT A GLANCE

ACCESSIBILITY
Compliance with applicable laws and regulations
to ensure full and equal access to goods and services
for all individuals, including those with disabilities

SUSTAINABILITY
Environmental Stewardship, Community Engagement,
and Social Responsibility

ACADEMICS
All programs shall meet or exceed
the highest standards of academic excellence
and ensure the highest quality of student
learning and development

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