

Complaint #26-35

Petitioner(s): Aniyah Hubbard

Respondent(s): Joshua Sembrano and Lundan

The following allegations were filed March 5, 2026, 10:33 AM:

- **Article 4, Section 2, Clause 4:** "Campaign materials and campaign activities must comply with all University of Houston policies regarding posting, distribution of materials, and use of campus spaces."
- **University of Houston Freedom of Expression Policy - Amplified Sound Regulation:** "The use of amplified sound is only permitted in designated reservable areas and must comply with university regulations regarding location, time, and sound level. Amplified sound is not permitted in certain campus locations, including Butler Plaza."
- **Article 4, Section 1, Clause 1:** "Campaigning is defined as the intentional direct or indirect solicitation of votes, the purposeful bolstering of one's personal brand and/or name, and/or any form of personal, group, or mass advertising initiated by a known and/or prospective candidate or campaign staff member with the purpose of affecting the election outcome."
- **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. Examples include, but are not limited to, speaking directly with students, sending direct messages, or calling students to ask them 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 the respondents used amplified speakers and music during a performance to attract a crowd for campaign purposes. However, upon review of the video evidence, there are no visible speakers and no audible music or amplified sound can be confirmed. Furthermore, while the candidate is heard asking for votes, the communication is directed specifically to the camera rather than being shouted or projected to a crowd. Without proof of "amplified sound" or a violation of the **University of Houston Freedom of Expression Policy**, the activity does not meet the threshold for a violation of **Article 4, Section 2, Clause 4**.

Sanction: None.

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji

Election Commissioner

Evidence:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DVcmzYdIdn/?igsh=cTA1bXpwejNuNWNv>

<https://youtu.be/bgqz0lrQ6qo?si=7E1W2LE-FHLjRNYU>





