

## Complaint #26-37

**Petitioner(s):** Aniyah Hubbard

**Respondent(s):** Joshua Sembrano and Lundan Sherrod

**The following allegations were filed March 5, 2026, 4:17 PM:**

- **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."
- **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 7:** "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 or if evidence supports that a candidate had actual or constructive knowledge of illicit activities and/or authorized or acquiesced in such activities."

**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 individuals acting on behalf of the Sembrano/Sherrod campaign were campaigning within the restricted 15-foot zone of Cougar Village II (CV2). However, upon review of the photographic evidence provided in the physical distance between the individual and the residence hall entrance cannot be definitively established. Without a measurable reference or a fixed point of contact within the restricted zone, the evidence is insufficient to confirm a violation of **Article 4, Section 2, Clause 13**. As such, the legal threshold for a merit ruling is not met.

**Sanction:** None.

**Appeals:** n/a

**Zainab Khimji** Election Commissioner

