

## COMPLAINT 21-SE-08

**Petitioner(s):** “JH”

**Respondent(s):** Senator NiNi Dang

### The following allegations were filed:

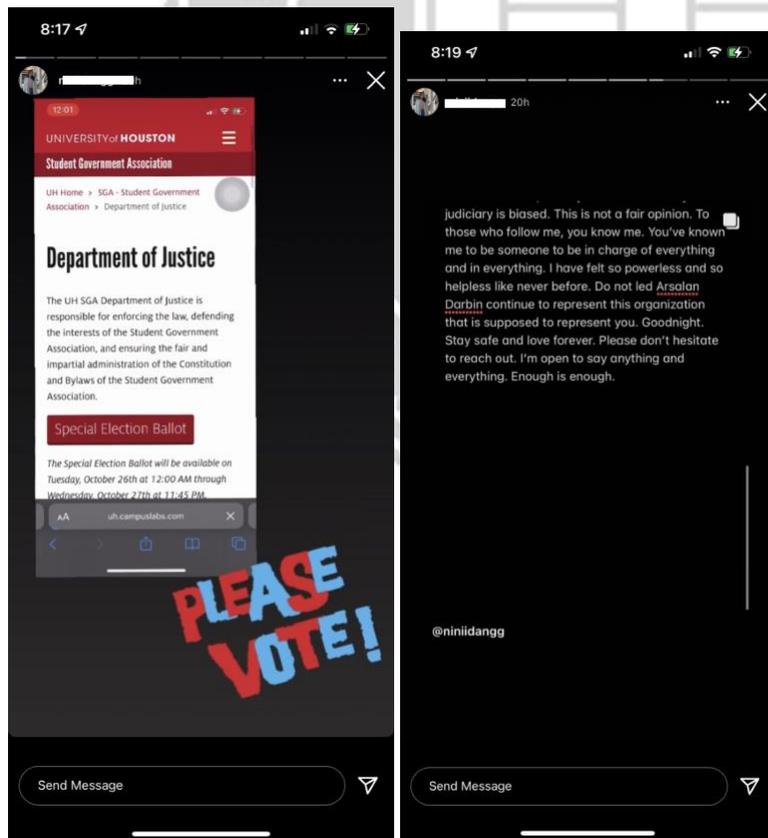
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CVcroqom5T/> Shows how to vote, and votes for the recall. Part of the 'tutorial'.

Please note, there are 4 separate violations in question here.

1. Post on October 16th
2. Repost of the post on October 16th
3. Voting Tutorial on Instagram Stories
4. Voting Tutorial on Instagram post

**Article 4, Section 2, Clause 1:** *A member of the Student Government Association may not participate in or assist an organization in campaigning on behalf of their cause.*

### The following evidence was provided by the petitioner:

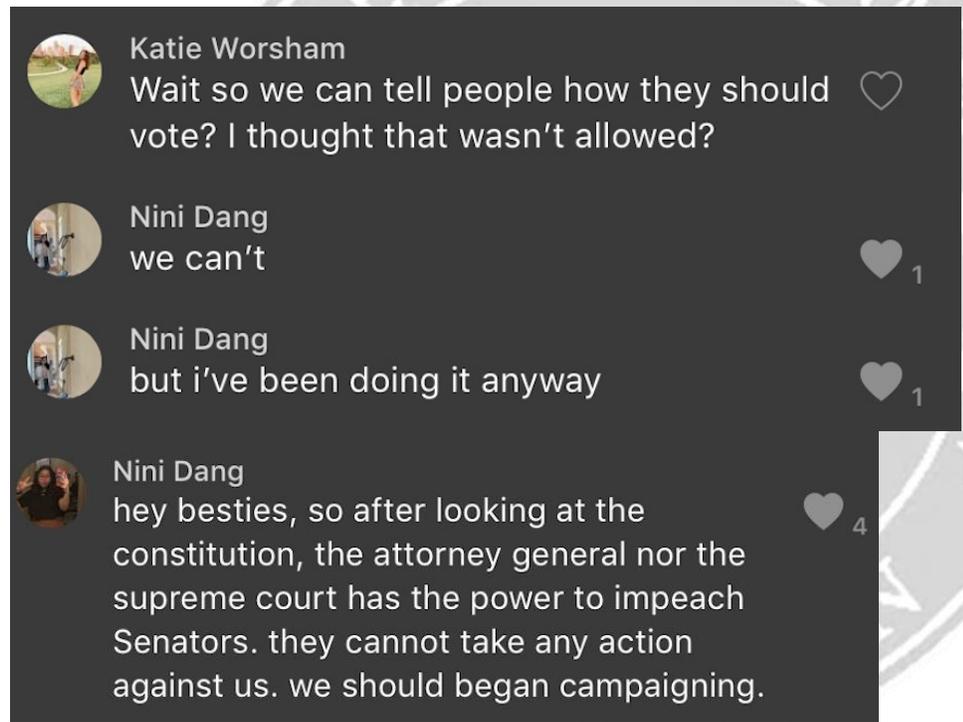


I reached out to for a statement of defense to these allegations. was given 5 hours to complete this, with a deadline of 10/27/2021, 4PM.

**The following defense statement was provided by the respondent:**

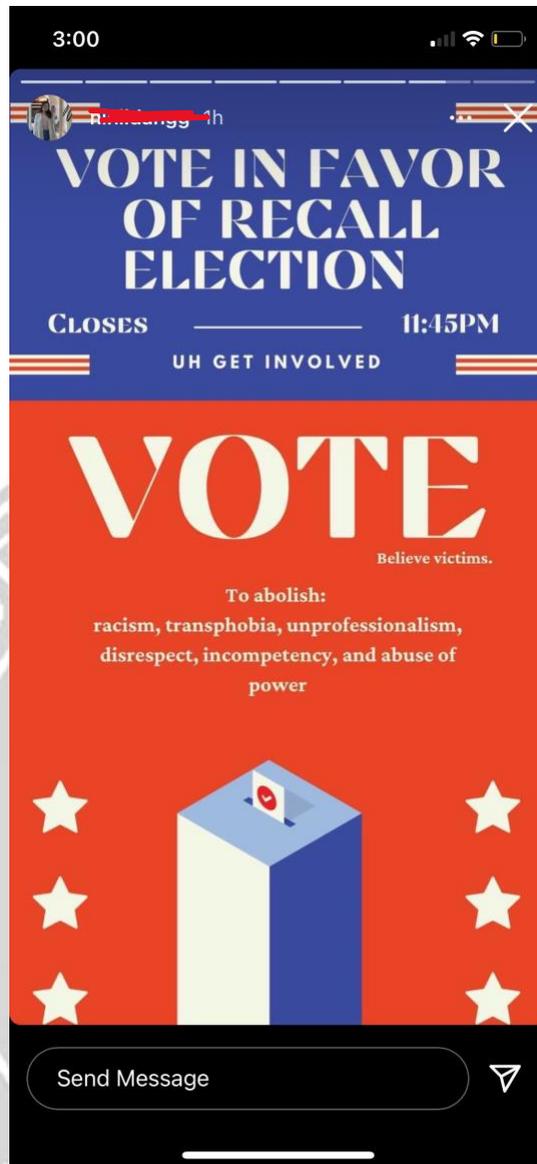
Good morning! Hope all is well with you and that you are taking care of yourself. Like I said before in the evidence provided, I knew there would be consequences sooner or later and I no longer care about the repercussions against me. It is unfair and unjust that I cannot campaign about an election that has led to harassment towards me and others. It's unfair that the people directly affected by this situation cannot use their own voice to speak up on what happened to them. I think it's goofy that I even have to defend myself by speaking up. Just yesterday, I received almost five flyers from individuals saying to vote no on the recall. I've seen a website slandering people who weren't even involved as much as I was. This whole election code should have been amended with the changes that Senator Moeller and Senator Shajan created. There is again NO REASON why I shouldn't be allowed to speak. Have a good day!

**Additional Evidence of MORE violations came to light as well after the defense statement was received:**



A screenshot of social media comments. The background features a faint watermark of a circular seal with the words 'STATE GOVERNMENT' and a star. The comments are as follows:

- Katie Worsham**: Wait so we can tell people how they should vote? I thought that wasn't allowed? (1 heart)
- Nini Dang**: we can't (1 heart)
- Nini Dang**: but i've been doing it anyway (1 heart)
- Nini Dang**: hey besties, so after looking at the constitution, the attorney general nor the supreme court has the power to impeach Senators. they cannot take any action against us. we should began campaigning. (4 hearts)



**Course of Investigation:** I examined the Petitioner's evidence and reached out to the Respondent for a defense. I went through the Special Election Code and identified if a violation was present.

**Decision October 28, 2021 at 2:48am:** Petitioner's complaint **HAS** merit, and this **IS** a violation of the Special Election Code.

**Sanction:** There are more than 3 violations of the code present on this document. Nini Dang is suspended until 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. Considering the number of violations, plus her suspension already until 12/31 for an unrelated issue, her Complaint will be forwarded to the Supreme Court for further review and decisions..

Respectfully,

**Nadiia Hutcherson**

**Attorney General**