

## Complaint #26-11

**Petitioner(s):** Aniyah Hubbard

**Respondent(s):** Joshua Sembrano

**The following allegations were filed Feb 18, 2026, 3:30 PM:**

- **Article 4, Section 1, Clause 6:** All candidates must campaign and promote the SGA Elections in a positive manner and raise awareness of their platforms. Negative campaigning, or 'mudslinging,' is not appropriate in any medium (including, but not limited to, posters, stickers, email, and social media). Issues may be discussed candidly, but personal attacks on candidates are not tolerated. Candidates should be mindful of their potential liability for statements that may not be fully supported by factual evidence; such statements could be considered slander.
- **Article 4, Section 4, Clause 3:** All candidates must campaign and promote the SGA Elections in a positive manner while creating awareness in the candidate's platform. Negative campaigning or 'mudslinging' is not appropriate through any media (including, but not limited to: posters, stickers, email, social media, etc.). Issues may be discussed candidly, but personal attacks on candidates are not tolerated. Candidates should be mindful of their potential liability in making statements that may not be able to be fully supported with factual evidence; the statements could be considered slander.

**Decision [02/20/26]:** Petitioner's complaint **DOES NOT HAVE MERIT** and this **IS NOT** a violation of the Election Code.

**Conclusion:** Although an opposing candidate was mentioned during the debate, the statements made regarding their public record and governing documents do not fall under the definition of mudslinging or personal attacks. These comments are considered part of a candid discussion on administrative transparency and do not violate the requirement for positive campaigning.

**Sanction:** None.

**Appeals:** n/a

**Zainab Khimji** Election Commissioner