

Complaint #26-14

Petitioner(s): Christopher Hooper

Respondent(s): Tavagoh Cockrell and Ian Kariuki

The following allegations were filed Feb 19, 2026, 9:56 PM:

Article 4, Section 4, Clause 3: 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.

Article 4, Section 4, Clause 6: No candidate or campaign staff member may make threats towards any individual or group. This includes but is not limited to: physical threats, emotional threats, social threats, or any threat which might prove distressful to an individual or group's physical, emotional, and/or financial well-being.

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.

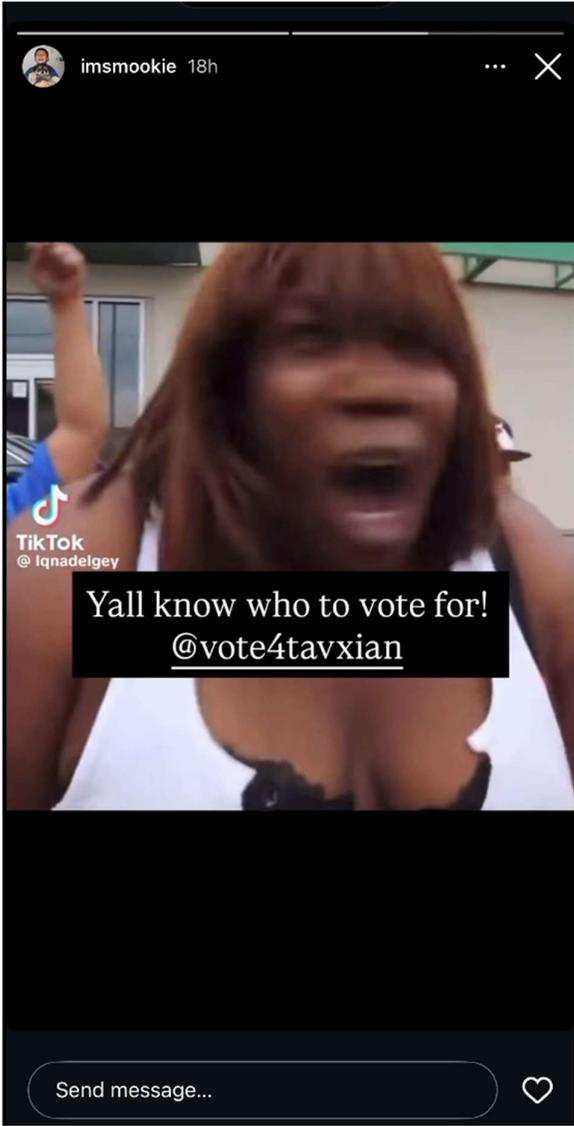
Decision [02/20/26]: Petitioner's complaint **DOES NOT HAVE MERIT** and this **IS NOT** a violation of the Election Code.

Conclusion: Upon review of the video posted by the supporter, I have not observed a direct threat made by a student. The content is a remixed video, a format commonly used as creative or humorous social media content. This specific remix does not include any explicit or implied death threat toward individuals who do not vote for the student or any other person, as no individuals were ever identified. There is no indication of intent to harm, no identifiable victim, and no conditional statement suggesting consequences for failing to vote in the student's favor. Therefore, the context and language do not rise to the level of a targeted threat or mudslinging.

Sanction: None.

Appeals: n/a

Zainab Khimji Election Commissioner February 20, 2026



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