

Advisory Opinion of the Indiana University Student Government Election Commission

Issued: February 22, 2019

On February 19, 2019 the Election Commission received the following question:

Second, Vision requests an advisory opinion regarding a formal campaign launch at a public restaurant that does not serve alcohol.

We would like to meet at Campus Craves as a team to celebrate launching our campaign. There we plan to purchase food at full price/fair market value and huddle around our laptops as we launch our website, social medias, and change our profile photos. We have read the code and acknowledge Section 507: Restricted Campaigning Areas. Since Campus Craves is a public restaurant that is off campus and does not require patrons to be 21 to enter, holding a campaign launch party there does not seem to break this code. However, Vision wants to be careful and ask for permission rather than forgiveness.

We have spoken with the owner, and they are excited about hosting us. The shop would not be closed for a private event, so we would not need to pay to occupy the space. Our goal in holding this at Campus Craves is not to harass customers about our campaign, rather we would like to share this celebration with a restaurant founded by IU students that has become a staple in Bloomington and convene with our entire team while having treats. If you have any other logistical questions regarding the launch, please let us know. We are hoping to do this on March 1st.

As you stated, there is nothing in Section 507 that would prevent you from campaigning at Campus Craves. Since it is not in an academic space and not a bar, this location would be in compliance with the Procedural Election Code for the campaign launch party.

Best,
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