

Complaint One:

Madeline Garcia v. Ruhan Syed / Rachel Aryani

The Election Commission has not accepted this complaint and therefore dismisses it from further adjudication.

The Election Commission agrees with the complainant that a space reserved for the purposes of an Indiana University Student Government (IUSG) Congressional Session does constitute an official IUSG space. That being the case, the actions in question took place after the conclusion of the official IUSG event occurring in the room. Because Congress had adjourned, A223 was no longer acting as an official IUSG office for the purposes of Section 503: Improper Use of IUSG Office Space. Because of this, the space was not being improperly used. It is also important to note that had the potential candidates spoken during the Congressional Session for the purposes of gathering signatures or advocating for electoral support, they would have violated Section 503. Because that did not occur, no violation is present.

In regards to the alleged violation of Section 510 of the Procedural Election Code, the Election Commission finds no fault in the behavior of those collecting signatures. The complaint alleged that passing out petitions of support and calling for interested parties to talk with the potential candidates violated Section 510: Campaigning Outside of Designated Time Period. The Election Commission sees the behavior of the potential candidates as an example of preparing campaign infrastructure and logistics for the purposes of Section 510. As petitions of support are necessary for eligibility on the ballot, talking to a group of peers regarding opportunities to be involved on the campaign as opposed to electorally supporting the candidates does not violate this rule.

Signed,

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