

October 3, 2023

Election Administrator's Decision

Decision# 2023/B/5

The attached complaint was received as timely and met the requirements of an official complaint under the CSU regulations.

The complainant submitted photographic evidence that posters of candidate Shourya Sharma had been left outside in the bushes and on walkways around campus.

I contacted the candidate and asked if he had left posters outside. He said that he had been handing out the papers in question as flyers to passersby. He suggested that some of these people dropped their flyers outside rather than recycling them.

CSU Procedure BD-06.1 (at page 6-7) and the candidate handbook explicitly allow candidates to campaign using leaflets and handbills such as those found by the complainant. I have no reason to doubt the candidates version of events. That being the case, there is not enough evidence to establish that a violation has occurred and the complaint is dismissed.

The complainant has 48 hours from the time they receive this decision to submit an appeal in the manner set forth in CSU Procedure BD-06.1.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ennis', with a stylized, cursive script.

David Ennis
CSU Election Administrator

ANNEX 1 – OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

CSU Election Complaint Template

Submitted:

September 28, 2023 · 16:56

Your full name:

Niko Otsuka Williamson

Capilano University email address:

nikowilliamson@capilanou.ca

What is the nature of your complaint?

I have an official election complaint

Voting Trouble Ticket

This area may be blank if not applicable.

What is your declared major and/or faculty?

Are you an international or domestic student?

If you were able to access your ballot, how did you do so?

What issue are you encountering?

Please provide any additional information:

Candidate Complaint

This area may be blank if not applicable.

When did you learn about the issue you are complaining about?

Sep 28, 2023

Are you a candidate, student, or other?

Student

Name of the person(s) you are complaining about.

Shourya Sharma

Names and contact details (email address and/or telephone number) of any witness who can verify your complaint:

nikowilliamson@capilanou.ca

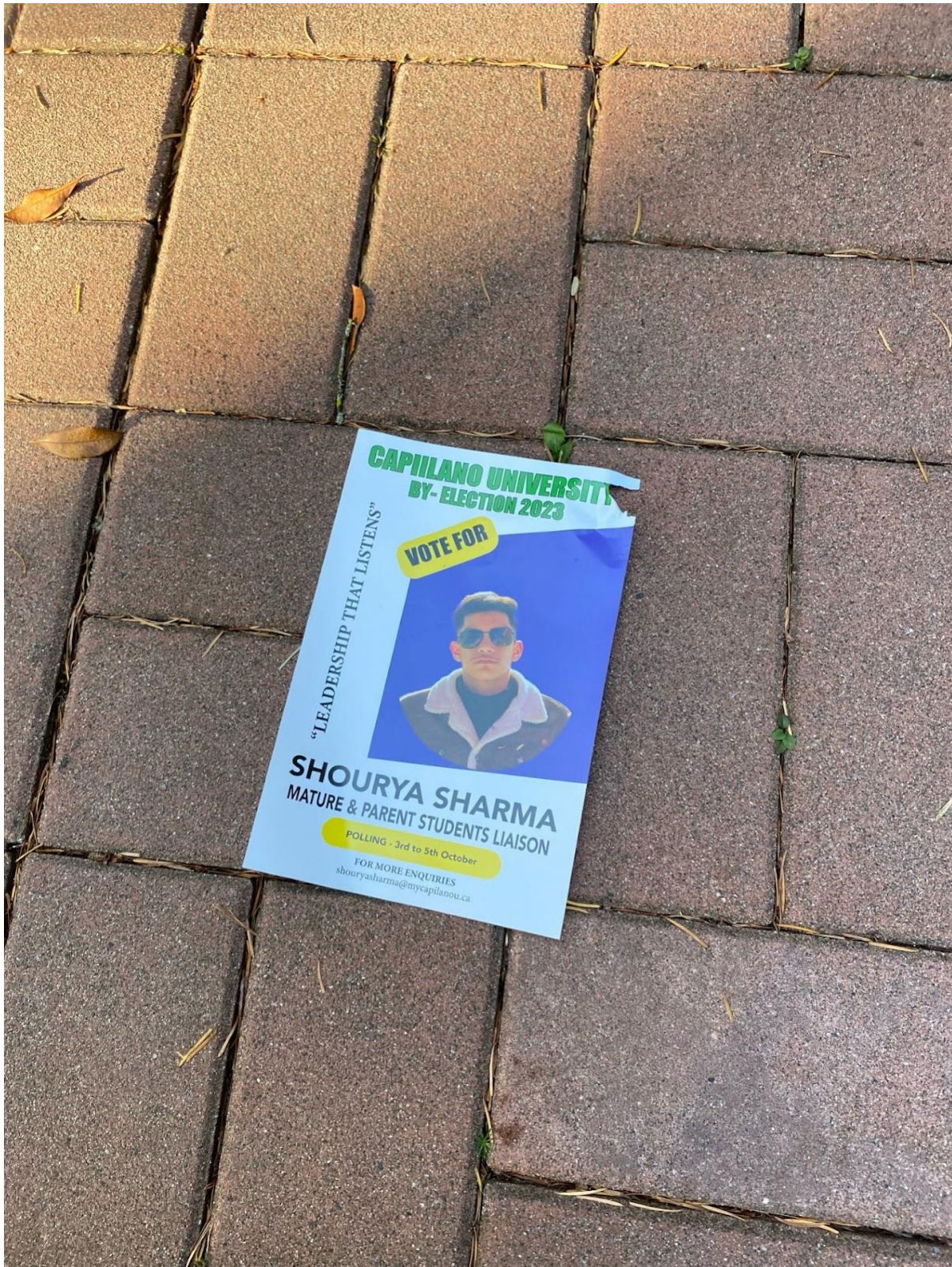
Description of the issue in question:

this candidate put their posters in bushes and trees on campus which ended up littering campus

Upload any evidence you may have here:







How would you like the issue to be resolved?

If I'm remembering correctly, candidates are supposed to ensure their election materials do not end up as litter. Putting election materials directly in the nature on campus is going to result in litter.

Do you wish to remain anonymous?:

No, I understand that my identity will be published with my complaint