




Municipality of Anchorage

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Office of the Municipal Clerk

TO: Nial Sherwood Williams, Election Observer

FROM: Barbara A. Jones, Municipal Clerk 
Jamie Heinz, Deputy Municipal Clerk – Elections

DATE: April 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Response to Your Complaint Regarding Campaigning at the Election Center Filed April 4, 2022

Thank you for your complaint filed on April 4, 2022, regarding campaigning at the Election Center. Specifically, there was a red Jeep in the parking lot of the Election Center with a political campaign sign between 12:23 – 12:55 p.m., and your complaint states that this is a violation of election code.

The Municipal code prohibits political persuasion or campaigning within 50 feet of a drop box in AMC 28.50.050C.1, specifies, “[d]uring the time a drop box is open for voting, a person within 50 feet of a drop box may not: ... [a]ttempt to persuade a person to vote for or against a candidate, measure, or proposition, nor may any person conduct other political activities that may pertain to any future election or potential ballot proposition...”

On or about March 18, 2022, a reminder was distributed to all campaigns that had observers and the campaigns were reminded that “[t]here is no campaigning allowed within 50-feet of a drop box and 200-feet of an Anchorage Vote Center. There is a drop box at the Election Center so if you have a bumper sticker for a candidate or an issue on the ballot for this election on your vehicle, you should park across the street when at the Election Center and at least 200-feet away if you are observing at an Anchorage Vote Center.”

It is my understanding that the security guard at the MOA Election Center contacted the person sitting in the car in the parking lot of the Election Center and asked the person to remove the political campaign sign. The person did so.

We appreciate the concerns that you raised. Although this complaint did not allege an irregularity by an election official, nor does it identify an administrative or operational error, it did identify a violation of municipal law by an observer. The MOA Elections Team and security addressed the complaint promptly and the violation ended. The response to this complaint was reviewed and developed in collaboration with the Observers Liaisons and is considered complete.

C: Dee Ennis, Observer Liaison
Ralph Duerre, Observer Liaison
Observer Contacts for other campaigns



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 April 5, 2022 Regular Municipal Election
 Complaint Form

OBSERVER INFORMATION	Date <u>April 4, 2022</u> in the year of our Lord & Saviour <u>Jesus Christ</u>
	Printed Name Of Observer <u>Nial Sherwood Williams</u>
	Name Of Candidate Or Organization/Group Representing <u>Nial Sherwood Williams</u>

COMPLAINT	SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLAINT, INCLUDING ELECTION OFFICIAL NAME, IF APPLICABLE: <u>Between 1223 - 1255 on 04/04/2022</u> <u>Red Jeep "QLTGR1" driven by supporter</u> <u>of Liz Vazquez was parked less than</u> <u>50 feet from ballot drop box with</u> <u>political signs: "Liz Vazquez</u> <u>for Assembly"</u>
	<u>This violation occurred in the</u> <u>presence and had the appearance</u> <u>of being sanctioned by</u> <u>Daniel Smith, an observer for Vazquez.</u> <u>Video evidence submitted.</u>

SIGNATURES	<u>Nial S. Williams</u> Signature of Observer	<u>04/04/2022</u> Date Submitted
	<u>Barbara A. Jones</u> Signature of Municipal Clerk or Designee	<u>4/4/2022</u> Date Received