

Elections Commission Meeting 4/4/2017

Enlighten v. Uplift

Elections Commission Attendance: Abby is the only one missing

Violation filed: Feb 28th 9:42 pm

- Related to an Instagram Post

Motion to allot 30 min extra- No Motion

Enlighten Opening Case: 50 seconds- 4:10 for closing statement

- Schedule 2 violation: campaigning before active campaigning week

Uplift Opening Statement: 51 seconds- 4:09 added to closing statement

- "Support" in order to start the election
 - o philanthropic activity that they were starting which is part of their RSO
 - o They had to register to be an RSO prior to becoming a party
 - o Philanthropic effort

Enlighten Rebuttal and questioning:

- 2 different captions
 - o one with support and without support
 - o they may have known something was wrong with the original
 - support us 4 doing the fundraiser
- Flyer, "support" can be read as "support" us for candidates
- Are there different ways you can use the word support?
 - o Yes, but SOE said no call to action
- Do you know what they were fundraising towards?
 - o No
 - Keep in mind they are an active RSO and the money could be going elsewhere other than campaign funds
 - If it was going towards campaigning then that's a different story
 - o All of this did occur during no campaign week
- Were you told to avoid call to action for statutory reasons or for violations like this?
 - o We came for the clarification
- Can they ask somebody to support their RSO versus their party?
 - o All conditional
- If they used other than support would they be ok?

- As long as it doesn't fall under a call to action
- What if they said "support uplift for the animal shelter"?
 - Use of support before active campaigning and you are supporting the party in exchange for the philanthropy
- What kind of money do you need to have to be a party?
 - 3500 limit
- What have you spent your money on?
 - Water for outside events
- Is the account private?
 - No, it is public
- There are a variety of definitions for 701.1.A materials and solicitation, and calls for a call to action, but 701.1.E the materials covers any material and only requires the call of action to vote NOT to vote for support
 - We have to take up with the judiciary in regards to rewriting statutes

Uplift rebuttal and questioning: Stopped at- 6:11

- Publicizing the election
 - They partner with multicultural greek chapters for philanthropy events
 - Instagram broad
 - Money went to charity
- Have you used the hashtag #uplift2017 in the past week?
 - No, Uplift FSU
- Are you the only person who has control of the page?
 - All of the exec board
- What does your org do year round?
 - Teach students how to view and how to function without a fundraising event so they
- Is it uplift all year long and then its party?
 - Yes
- Two different registrations for Party and RSO
- Can you support things other than a party by posting that
 - There is more than one means of support
- How did the fundraiser go?
 - Submit a proposal and were able to buy donuts and they had a table and had a mason jar to show where the money was going
- Did the tablecloth say uplift on it?
 - No

Enlighten Response: 1:09

- Support isn't allowed on any of their fliers because even though it may not be contingent it can still be a call to action
- Somebody can go onto NoleCentral and see if they are a party or RSO
- The post implies it is a general fundraiser and they were supporting the party

Uplift Response: 43 seconds

- they did not publicize what the fundraiser was for
- They were not soliciting votes except soliciting to donate money for the fundraiser

Enlighten Closing: 1:05

- Thank you all for your time
- Back to definition of 701
 - o “an elected official cannot call forth the right to vote or support” and that is why we submitted the violation and it cant happen outside active campaign week
 - o redundant but we hope you take it into consideration
 - o stay away from phrases that were indicative of call to action

Result: No violation to be charged

Reasoning

- ‘support’ can have different meanings but in this case it was Support Uplift for a charity
- we didn’t see it as a call to action we saw it as a support for a charity
- the main difference was that their Instagram was titled “Uplift” not Uplift Party