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Response Summary:

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The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-4027

Alleged Violation Information

Candidate or Party in alleged violation:	Forward Party at FSU
Statute Allegedly Broken:	Chapter 710.6(f)(5) of the FSU Elections Code

Q4. Violations may only be filed up to two (2) business days after their discovery by the party alleging.

Discovery Date/Time:	12:30AM on 10/13/25
Location of the Violation:	Vice Society, 815 W Madison Street

Q5. Please present any arguments for this alleged violation along with any relevant evidence.

On October 12, 2025, the official Instagram account of Forward FSU (@forwardfsu) published multiple posts promoting a campaign event titled "ForwardFSU x Vice Society: Karaoke and Coffee." The promotional materials, both in graphic and caption form, explicitly combined campaign messaging with the offering of free goods.

Promotional Materials and Advertising (Exhibits E(a) and E(b))

The first promotional graphic (Exhibit E(a)) clearly displays Forward FSU's logo and the event title "Karaoke and Coffee," scheduled for October 12, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Vice Society, located at 815 W Madison Street, Suite 120, Tallahassee, FL 32304. The graphic contains the explicit text "Free coffee while supplies last!" directly beneath the event information, making the offering of free goods a central and advertised feature of the event. The corresponding caption (Exhibit E(b)), published by the same account, reiterates this inducement while directly connecting it to campaign activity. It reads:

"Join us this Sunday from 1PM to 4PM for some karaoke and coffee at Vice Society! Spend your afternoon singing your hearts out and getting to know some of our candidates and other Forward members - hope to see you there! Free coffee (AND CHEESESTEAKS) while supplies last #ForwardTogether."

This conduct demonstrates that the Forward Party used the offer of free food and beverages as a form of inducement to influence voter behavior, effectively using those items as illegitimate campaign materials to secure electoral support for party-affiliated candidates. Such actions constitute a direct attempt to bribe or improperly sway voters through material incentives, falling squarely within the prohibited conduct defined in Chapter 710.6(f)(5) of the Election Code, which forbids "offering goods or services in exchange for votes."

Candidate Conduct and Vote Solicitation (Exhibit B)

Video content posted to the same account on the day of the event (Exhibit B) features candidate and party officer Leila Jackson, who states:

"Hi everyone, my name is Leila Jackson, and I am running for the College of Social Science and Public Policy Seat 1 ... and we are here at the Forward Vice event. Make sure to come get free coffee and cheesecakes until 4 p.m. ... Forward down the ballot."

Jackson later followed up in a second clip saying:

"Hey y'all, it's Leila again, and I'm here with some friends who will tell you why you should vote down the ballot..."

In the same video in response to Jackson's comments, candidate Kendaly Ramos (Candidate for Arts and Sciences Seat 17) is seen at Vice Society, gesturing toward the free coffee and food being offered and stating that attendees should come for the free items available at the event, while explicitly urging students to vote for Forward and support the party's candidates.

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The footage clearly links vote solicitation to the distribution of free goods and services, satisfying the prohibited conduct under Chapter 710.6(f)(5)

“Offering goods or services in exchange for votes, not including campaign materials as specified in Chapter 701.”

Leadership Involvement and Coordination (Exhibit A):

Video evidence (Exhibit A) from the ForwardFSU x Vice Society:

Karaoke and Coffee event shows Forward Party Chair Faisal Lalani and Vice Chair Breanna Prieschl actively participating in organized campaign activity led by Party Officer London Jackoboice, a member of the Forward Executive Board. In the video, Jackoboice conducts a walkthrough of the event, highlighting the free food and beverages available to attendees while featuring multiple Forward candidates and executive board members encouraging viewers to vote Forward.

Jackoboice then introduces Lalani and Prieschl, who are seen addressing the crowd of attendees, urging attendees to vote Forward in the ongoing SGA elections. The visible presence and active participation of the party’s Chair and Vice Chair at a function involving the distribution of free food and beverages establish clear leadership authorization and coordination. This constitutes party-directed conduct in violation of Chapter 710.6(f)(5)

“Offering goods or services in exchange for votes.”

The evidence further demonstrates that the event was not an incidental student gathering but a party-sanctioned campaign function organized and executed under the direction of Forward FSU’s top leadership, confirming the violation was systematic, deliberate, and coordinated.

On-Site Vote Solicitation and Campaign Messaging (Exhibit D):

At the same event, a television screen located inside Vice Society, directly above the area where cheesesteaks were being distributed and consumed, prominently displayed the message:

“VOTE FORWARD DOWN THE BALLOT OCTOBER 13th and 14th.”

This signage constitutes direct vote solicitation under Chapter 710.1(a) and 710.1(a)(1), which define campaigning as:

“the distribution of campaign materials, use of campaign materials, or the solicitation of support for or against a political party or candidate.”

The display of this campaign message within the venue, in conjunction with the active distribution of free food and drinks, further corroborates that the event was a coordinated campaign activity, not a neutral social event.

This constitutes a knowing and willful violation of Chapter 710.6(f)(5) through the combined offering of goods and the solicitation of votes at the same time and place.

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Distribution of Goods and General Attendance (Exhibit C):

Video evidence (Exhibit C) depicts both members of Forward FSU and general members of the student body receiving the complimentary coffee and cheesesteaks at the event. The footage clearly shows the exchange of food and beverages in a campaign environment where Forward branding, candidates, and political messaging were actively presented, further reinforcing the direct link between the offering of goods and electoral advocacy.

Q8. Please upload any specific evidence. Combine any individual files into a single .pdf file. This is not required, but strongly recommended. The Supervisor of Elections will consider a lack of presented evidence as grounds for dismissal of the violation. Such a decision may be appealed to the Elections Commission within twenty-four (24) hours.

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Q7. Please list any witnesses you may call upon for support of the allegation. Witnesses before a hearing of the Elections Commission must sign in with the Supervisor of Elections within one (1) hour of the scheduled hearing.

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