

# CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER / ELECTIONS & REFERENDUM COMMITTEE RULING

## ***Toronto Metropolitan Students' Union By-Elections 2023***

*The following is a ruling of the Election & Referenda Committee relating to the 2023 TMSU By-Election.*

The rules and procedures of the election are determined by the TMSU By-Laws and the Election Procedure Code, which can be found here: [yourtmsu.ca/election](http://yourtmsu.ca/election)

Ruling Code #	ERC#0013TL
Date Received:	11/22/2023
Date of Ruling:	11/24/2023
Related Rulings	N/A
Type of Decision	Initial ruling
Nature of Decision	Violations of the Code under Physical Campaign Materials and Methods
Complainant/CRO:	Complaint
Nominee/ Candidate:	Team Liberate - Trevohn Baker, Abeeha Ahmad & Mahira Shoaib
Alleged Violation in By-laws or the Code	Violations of the Code under section 8.1.22 and 8.1.23
Relevant Penalties provided in the Code	Maximum 5 demerit point - Multiple violations in the same location / building  Maximum 5 demerits - Multiple violations for the same Campaign Material



### **Evidence presented by the Complainant:**

The complainant submitted 9 different photos all in different locations. The photos show that Team Liberates 11x17 posters are being placed on top of team Vibe & Thieves posters, as well as Team Liberate posters being placed less than one (1) foot apart from their other posters.

### **Evidence presented by the Slate:**

No additional evidence was needed from the Slate since sufficient photo evidence was provided.

### **ERC Decision:**

The ERC has decided that Team Liberate did in fact violate section 8.1.22 and 8.1.23 of the Elections Procedures code. The ERC has issued a total of 5 demerit points for these violations.

<b>CRO/ERC Decision</b>	
Penalties Issued	8.3.7.1. Violation - Campaign Material: Multiple violations in the same location / building - 5 demerits
Deadline to Appeal	N/A this is an ERC ruling

