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**HOUSTON**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**The Get-Out-the-Vote Act**

**Whereas**, the 60<sup>th</sup> administration of the student government seeks to promote civic engagement;

**Whereas**, the average voter age in Houston is 60 years old according to Houston Chronicle;

**Whereas**, Harris County had a 15.69% voter turnout in 2019, when the last mayoral election happened;

**Whereas**, half of all registered Texas voters cast ballots in 2018, with only 12% casting their vote in 2019;

**Whereas**, the University of Houston has held numerous large-scale televised forums before;

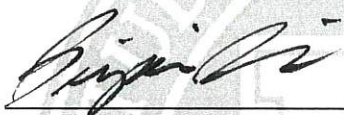
**Whereas**, hosting a mayoral forum on campus will inform students on various policies;

**Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

A mayoral forum be held featuring the Lee Kaplan, Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee, the Honorable John Whitmire, the Honorable Robert Gallegos, Gilbert Garcia, M.J. Khan as candidates;

**Be it further enacted**, the forum be held in the Student Center South on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in association with The Hispanic Business Student Association and GENHTX;

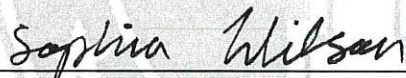
**Be it further enacted**, that there be tabling events on the University of Houston Campus for the citizens of the Houston community and the student body to get registered to vote.



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Benjamin Rizk  
Student Government President

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Sophia Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

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