

Student Government Association 2024 Election Ballot

The 2024 SGA Elections will take place beginning at 12:00 am February 26 and conclude at 12:00 am on March 1. This document outlines all items on the ballot for this year including positions, the “New SGA Act” referendum, and the “Houston and Creation of Palestine Rights & Liberation Action Committee” Referendum.

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Arts 1 Seat	Jason Jacobs
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GHL (Hilton) 1 Seat	Kayler Burnett
	Sebastian Nguyen

Optometry 1 Seat

Public Affairs 1 Seat	Dulce Maria Otero
	Sophie Kaloustian

Nursing 1 Seat	Salma Zeidat
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Honors 2 Seats	Mohammed Jamali
	Hussain Kanchwala
	Mualla Guvercin
	Jaclyn Nguyen

Business 5 Seats	Kat Hoofkin
	Haley Salinas
	Aiden Tomes
	Samia Winfield
	Aniyah Hubbard
	Andrew Soto
	James Gilbert
	Victor Teran
Trey Hill	

Law 1 Seat

Pharmacy 1 Seat

Undergrad SS (Exploratory) 1 Seat	Kashika Bhatia
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Medicine 1 Seat	D Omenge
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Education 2 Seats	Keeley Randle
	<u>Parsa Torabi</u>
	Gerald Ramirez
	Alexander Lopez

CLASS 7 Seats	Sebastian Ballesteros
	<u>Lauren Williford</u>
	<u>Meryem Farehan</u>
	Abdullah Soliman
	<u>Nyla Nahas</u>
	<u>Chizuru Amaefule</u>
	<u>Liam Moras</u>
	<u>Esther Gwa</u>
	Nicole Mendoza
	Ella Burke
	<u>Christian Escoto</u>
	Ibrahim Islam
	Harrison Casey
	<u>Rami Toussah</u>
<u>Mihiseth Abeygunarathna</u>	

GCSW 1 Seat

The New SGA Act

Date Introduced: January 17, 2024

Author(s): President Benjamin Rizk

Sponsor(s): Speaker Pro-Temp. Kadi, Sen. Rizk, Sen. McClure, Chair Szell

Read the full [New SGA Act here](#).

This act will be on the ballot in the form of a “yes/no” vote. Voters will be asked to vote yes or no to each component, in which a “yes” indicates support of the ratification of the constitutional amendments, and a “no” indicates lack of support for the ratification of the constitutional amendments.

- Insertion of New CSI Anti-Hazing and Anti-Discrimination Clauses due to overturning of Affirmative Action by United States Supreme Court
- Attorney General granted full responsibility of appointing justices
- Unless a vote is definitively proven to be fraudulently cast, a student will not be forced to vote again in one election period, or have their vote invalidated in the determination of election results
- Legislative Chief of Staff must be approved by the senate rather than just chosen by the Speaker of the Senate
- Clarifications regarding proper title of Department of Justice and inclusion of the existence of THECB representative
- Supreme Court membership reduced to 7 from 9 members
- Recall elections removed
- Increase in Voting Threshold for Confirmation of Justices from 3/4ths of senate present & voting to 3/4ths of total membership of senate for confirmation
- Removal of Current Sitting Justices from Court upon voted approval from the student body
- Three (3) Year Term limits for justices instated
- Constitutional Referenda can only occur during annual campus-wide senate elections

Removal of Starbucks and McDonalds from the University of Houston and Creation of Palestine Rights & Liberation Action Committee

Date Introduced: January 31, 2024

Author(s): President Benjamin Rizk, Academic Affairs Chair Cody Szell

Sponsor(s): Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Ahlul Bayt Student Organization (ABSO), Muslim Business Student Association (MBSA), Young Democratic Socialists

Read the full [Removal of Starbucks and McDonalds from the University of Houston and Creation of Palestine Rights & Liberation Action Committee here](#).

This act will be on the ballot in the form of a “yes/no” referendum, in which a “yes” indicates support of the act, and a “no” indicates lack of support for this act.

“Starbucks Inc. has a history of human rights abuse allegations, including but not limited to the use of slave labor for the harvesting of coffee beans in Mesas Farm in Campos Altos, Brazil, for production of their coffee products and allegedly violating workers’ freedom of speech.

Israeli McDonald’s chains donated thousands of free meals to Israeli defense forces while the state of Israel imposed a complete siege on the civilian population of Gaza leading to famine.

With this in mind, do you vote in support of replacing the Starbucks in Student Center South with an alternative coffee outlet, such as Cougar Grounds, and the McDonald’s in Student Center South with another alternative fast food chain restaurant?”