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**HOUSTON**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**Student Government Action Regarding the 2023 “Off-Year”  
Elections**

By the authority vested in me as the President by the Constitution and the Bylaws of the University of Houston Student Government Association, and consistent with Title III, Article 1, Section 7, Clause 1 of the Bylaws, I hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Purpose.**

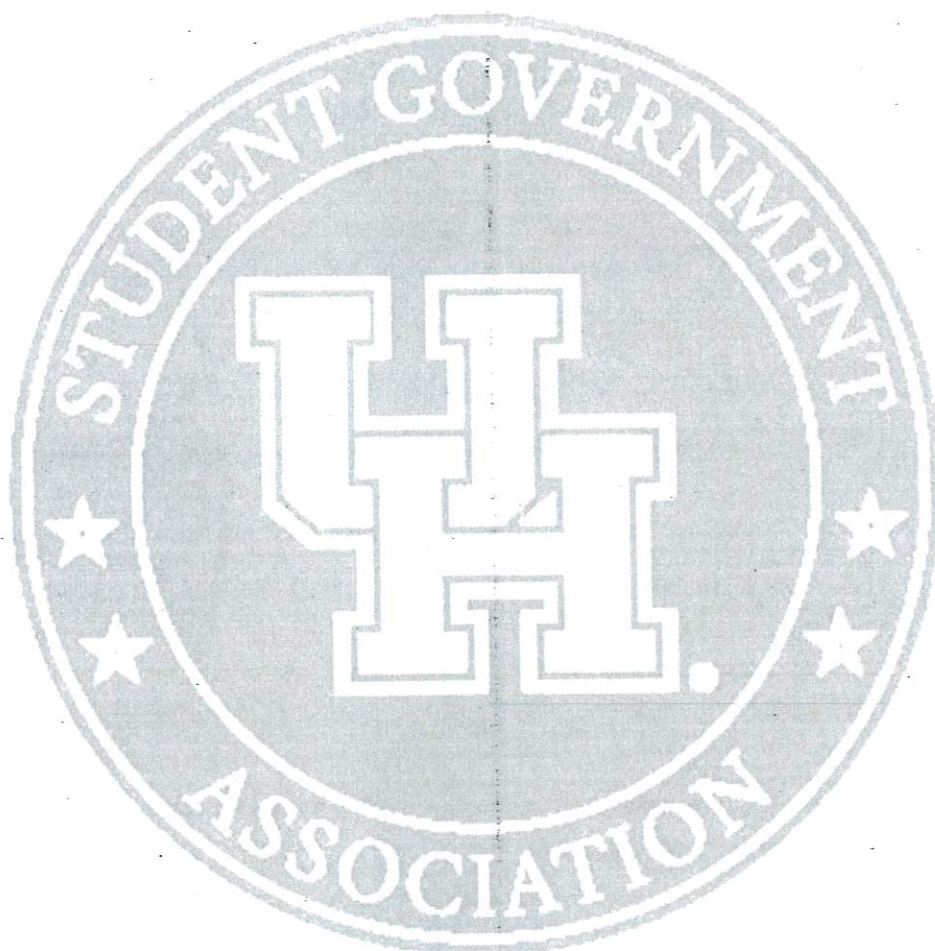
“Off-Year” election cycles historically have the lowest turnout out of election years. In accordance with the mission statement of the Student Government Association, the 60<sup>th</sup> administration is committed to all taking all actions necessary to “get-out-the-vote” in advance of the upcoming city-wide and local county position elections.

Local elections have a significantly higher aggregate impact on the socioeconomic status of one’s own life outcomes than the outcomes of only voting in general elections.

The previous midterm and off-year election, especially in Harris County in stark contrast to similarly-sized and similarly diverse-urban counties across the country, unfortunately yielded a significant decrease in terms of youth (18-29) voter turnout, with Harris County being the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest in proportion to population density.

Voter turnout among young people in the previous midterm (2022) nearly was lower than the 2018 midterm, almost approaching levels of the 2014 midterm—which was the lowest in “forty years,” at that time.

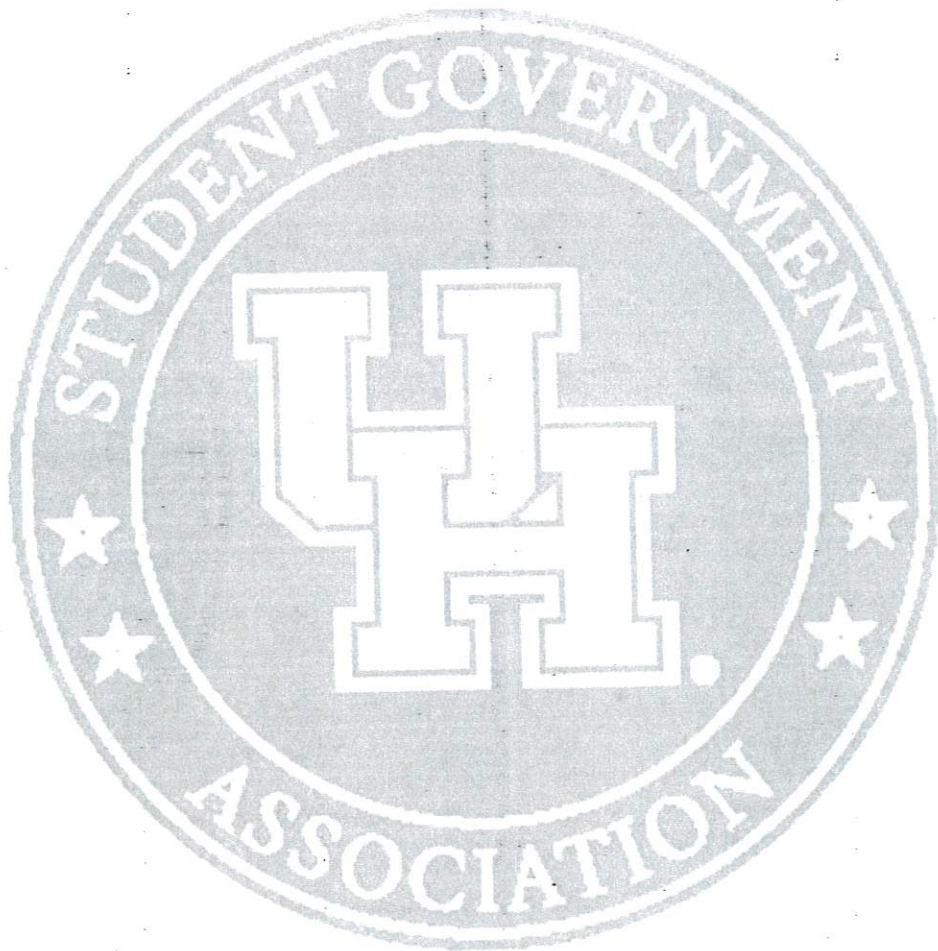
Students all across the country have a duty to get college students voting. College students' voices matter, and their voices should prove loud after the votes are tallied.

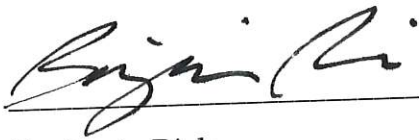


## **Section 2. Action.**

- (A)** Each Thursday, the Department of External Affairs, in association with all officers of the Student Government will table in a densely populated area of campus, with the goal of registering students to vote.
- (B)** Every member\* within the 60<sup>th</sup> Student Government Association Administration Executive Branch (President, Vice-President, Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of External Affairs, Director of Outreach, Director of Public Relations, Director of Multicultural Affairs, and all associates and assistants under their respective departments) and Legislative Branch (all senators and the Speaker of the Senate) are required to become Deputy Voter Registrars within Harris County.
- (C)** All members of the Department of External affairs are required to be Deputy Voter Registrars within Harris County.
- (D)** This service will commence on the third Thursday (July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023) of the 60<sup>th</sup> administration and conclude on the final Thursday (October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023) before the deadline to register to vote in the 2018 Midterm election.
- (E)** All stipend members of the 60<sup>th</sup> Executive Branch and members of the Department of External Affairs, and the Speaker of the Senate have until July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to complete the Deputy Voter Registrar training withing Harris County or they will be removed from office\*\*
- (F)** All members of the Legislative Branch participating in the Summer Senate have until August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 to complete the Deputy Voter Registrar training or they will receive an unexcused absence.

(G) All members of the Legislative Branch participating in Fall Senate\*\*\* have until September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to complete the Deputy Voter Registrar training or they will receive an unexcused absence.





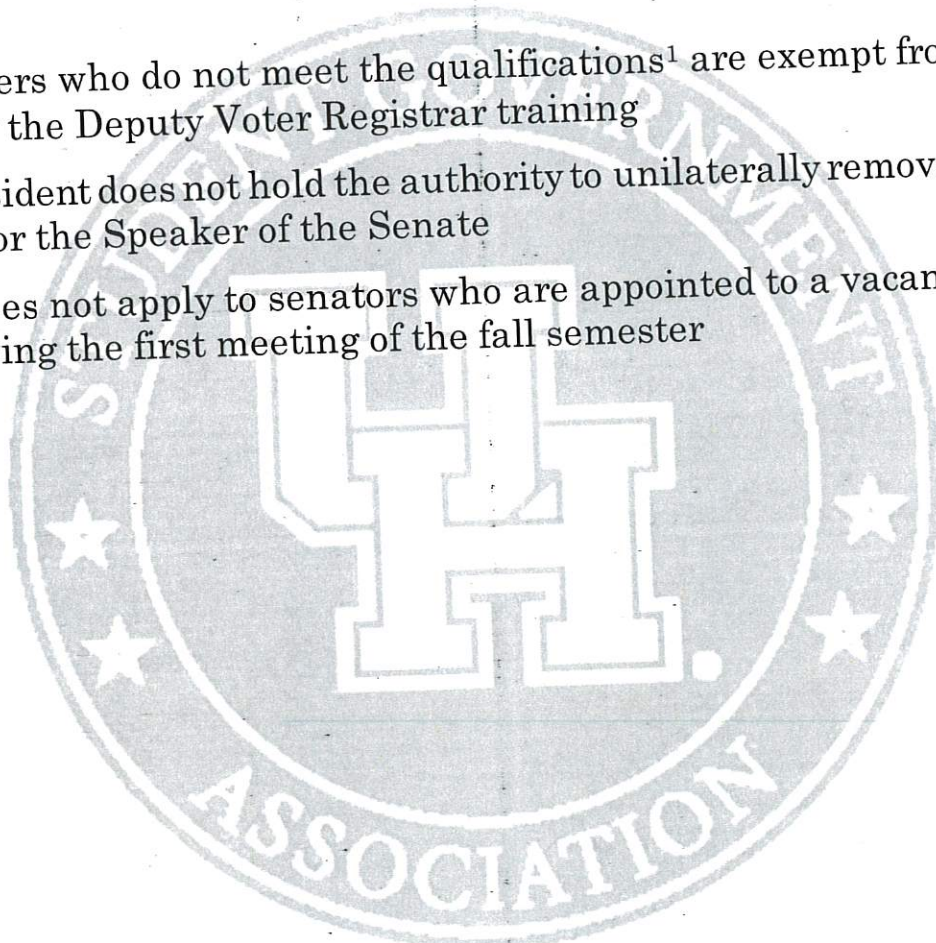
Benjamin Rizk

Student Government President

\*All members who do not meet the qualifications<sup>1</sup> are exempt from completing the Deputy Voter Registrar training

\*\*The President does not hold the authority to unilaterally remove the Vice-President or the Speaker of the Senate

\*\*\*This does not apply to senators who are appointed to a vacant senate seat following the first meeting of the fall semester



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/pamphlets/deputy.shtml>