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Opposition of University of Texas Expansion into Houston

Whereas, the University of Texas has expressed interest to purchase land for the purpose of expanding to the Houston Metropolitan Area and,

Whereas, the University of Texas's proposal goes against the wishes of University of Houston, numerous state and local officials, and without the permission of the Higher Education Board; and,

Whereas, a petition opposing the proposed expansion garnered over 9,000 signatures and,

Whereas, the University of Texas has released no detailed plan indicating how the potential site is to be utilized;

Whereas, University of Texas System has access to the Permanent University Fund, unfairly favoring two college systems over the rest of the state; and

Whereas, University of Texas System internally favors one school by disproportionately allocating funds toward UT Austin; and

Whereas, The City of Houston already has more than two public university systems and two private university systems in close proximity of the proposed expansion site and land purchase; and

Therefore, be it resolved by the 52nd Administration of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That we, the students of University of Houston, oppose the University of Texas System's expansion into Houston.

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Furthermore, if additional demand exists for a research facility in the Houston metropolitan area, it is better to expand on the colleges that already exist rather than create a culture of cannibalizing resources and wasting taxpayer money by duplicating state funded services and,

Furthermore, if the University of Texas System wishes to improve, the priority should be placed on improving their less funded colleges.

Lastly, should the University of Texas System ignore the wishes of the University of Houston, the Higher Education Board, state and local officials; the state legislation should ensure a financial level playing field for all public colleges in the region by

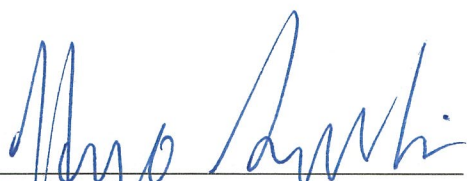
- A) Increasing the number of public colleges that have access to the Public University Fund or,
- B) Better regulating the use of the Public University Fund to ensure fair use

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