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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Government Action Regarding the 2018 Midterm 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 8, Clause 1 of the Bylaws, I hereby order the following:

Section 1. Purpose.

Every other Student Government Administration has the opportunity to govern during a Federal election (either a full-scale general election, or a midterm). Luckily, the 55<sup>th</sup> Student Government has the opportunity to be in government during the 2018 midterm election season.

The previous midterm election yielded some unfortunate results in terms of youth (18-29) voter turnout. Voter turnout among young people in the previous midterm (2014) was the lowest in “the past forty years.”<sup>1</sup> The percent of young people registered to vote in the previous election was 46.7%, which was also the lowest in the previous forty years.<sup>1</sup>

Student Governments all across the country have a duty to get college students voting. College student’s 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) All Stipend leaders within the 55<sup>th</sup> Student Government Executive Branch (President, Vice-President, Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of Outreach, Director of External Affairs, and Director of Public Relations) 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 (April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018) of the 55<sup>th</sup> administration and conclude on the final Thursday (October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018) before the deadline to register to vote in the 2018 Midterm election.
- (E) All stipend members of the 55<sup>th</sup> Executive Branch and members of the Department of External Affairs have until May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to complete the Deputy Voter Registrar training within Harris County.



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Cameron Barrett  
Student Government President

<sup>1</sup><https://civicyouth.org/2014-youth-turnout-and-youth-registration-rates-lowest-ever-recorded-changes-essential-in-2016/>