



# Lalani's Legislative Letter

## Interim Edition #8

### Greetings!

Elections are coming up quickly and I wanted to take a moment to remind you how important your vote is.

Sharon Salzberg, author and teacher of Buddhist meditation practices in the West once said, "***Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country and this world.***" I believe this is true. There is no better way to show you are part of the world around you than to vote in matters that concern you.

How do you become the best voter that you can be? You educate yourself. Seek wisdom from those around you. Look into the records of those asking for your vote. Challenge them, ask questions, read. President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "***Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.***" There is no better way to make sure your voice is heard than to make an educated choice.

To learn more about the March 5th primary election, you can access the League of Women Voters Election Guide by clicking this [link](#).

***Remember this is your District. You are the most important part of what happens here. Get engaged, get involved, help make your community a better place for all.***

**Blessings,**

**Representative Suleman Lalani, M.D**

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@DoctorLalani



@DrLalaniforTexas



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## ***Important Information on the Upcoming Election***

### ***Important Dates***

- February 5 – Last day to register to vote or change your address
- February 20 – First day to early vote in person
- February 23 – Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail-ballot
- March 1 – Last day to vote early in person
- March 5 – Election Day and vote-by-mail ballot receipt deadline

### ***Check Your Registration Status***

You can check the [Fort Bend County Elections](#) office to see if you are registered in Fort Bend County.

You can check the [Texas Secretary of State's My Voter Portal](#) to see if you are registered elsewhere in the state.

Voter Registration Applications can be found [here](#). It must be printed, signed and mailed or delivered to:

<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Physical Address</b>
Fort Bend County Elections 301 Jackson St. Richmond, TX 77469	Fort Bend County Elections 4520 Reading Road Suite A-400 Rosenberg, TX 77471-2133

*For more information, call the Fort Bend County Elections office at (281) 341-8670.*

### ***Update Your Name and/or Address Online***

Click [here](#) to update your name and/or address.

You may update your name and/or address online if you still live in the county in which you are currently registered to vote. If you have moved to a new county, it is necessary to re-register using the printed Voter Registration Application provided in the section above. Online name and/or address changes must be submitted by the 30th day before any election in which you desire to vote. Click the link below to submit your online name and/or address cha

### ***Apply for a Ballot by Mail***

Click [here](#) to request a ballot by mail, if you meet the requirements below.

To be eligible to vote early by mail in Texas, you must:

- Be 65 years or older
- Be sick or disabled
- Be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance or • Be expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day or
- Be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible

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## ***2023 Texas PTA Champion for Children***

There is nothing more important to me than the education of our children. I worked alongside my colleagues last session to advocate for higher teacher pay, parent decision-making for absences related to religious observance and fought hard to defeat the voucher scam in Texas. I am honored to be recognized by the Texas Parent Teacher Association for my work during the 88th Legislative session and I look forward to doing more good work next session.

"In recognition of your unparalleled courage in safeguarding our public schools and keeping tax dollars where they belong, Texas PTA is proud to name you one of our Champions for Children for the 88th Legislative Session.



# ★ CHAMPION ★ FOR CHILDREN

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**Dr. Suleman Lalani**

State Representative, District 76

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***Lalani Legislation Recap\****

## 88th Legislative Session by the Numbers

- 2 riders on the state budget
- 46 individual pieces of legislation authored
- 97 additional pieces of legislation joint authored, co-authored, sponsored or co-sponsored
- 143 pieces of legislation that navigated through the 88th Legislature had the Lalani name on them
- 36 pieces of legislation sent to the Governor for signature
- 36 pieces signed by the Governor with effective dates
- 0 vetoes



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<p>“ As a member of the Higher Education Committee, I know the funding of our junior colleges is an important step to ensuring that all Texans have access to an education, which is why I coauthored HB 8. Junior colleges provide a first step in gaining a college education and must be affordable and accessible to all. In addition, the technical and occupational training provided by junior, community and technical colleges is invaluable to the workforce in Texas.</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVE SULEMAN LALANI, M.D. HOUSE DISTRICT 76</p>		<p>“ The continued advancement of broadband access in Texas is essential to meet educational and workforce needs of our constituents. I joined as a coauthor to HB 9, to ensure that we invest in that access. The creation of the Broadband Infrastructure Fund will invest \$1.5 billion into ensuring that we meet the demands of the future and expand availability to the 7 million Texans that lack broadband access.</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVE SULEMAN LALANI, M.D. HOUSE DISTRICT 76</p>			
<p><b>HB 8</b></p>	<p>TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES</p>  <p><b>Dr. Suleman Lalani</b> State Representative, District 76</p>	<p>Effective immediately</p>	<p><b>HB 9</b></p>	<p>TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES</p>  <p><b>Dr. Suleman Lalani</b> State Representative, District 76</p>	<p>Effective 1/1/2024</p>
<p>“ I am determined to make a difference in the way Texans access healthcare. One way that I did that during the 88th was to become a coauthor on HB 12, which extends Medicaid coverage for postpartum women to 12 months. Texas has amongst the highest maternal mortality rates in the country and HB 12 will help to address this issue. I am proud to have played a small part in the momentum across the country to provide healthcare to all.</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVE SULEMAN LALANI, M.D. HOUSE DISTRICT 76</p>		<p>“ Access to quality healthcare is my number one priority. Becoming a coauthor in HB 25, which creates the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program is just more step honoring my commitment. I see patients every day who struggle to pay for prescriptions. This legislation facilitates a program allowing patients to safely access affordable medicines from Canada, which will help Texans improve their quality of life in so many ways.</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVE SULEMAN LALANI, M.D. HOUSE DISTRICT 76</p>			
<p><b>HB 12</b></p>	<p>TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES</p>  <p><b>Dr. Suleman Lalani</b> State Representative, District 76</p>	<p>Effective 9/1/2023</p>	<p><b>HB 25</b></p>	<p>TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES</p>  <p><b>Dr. Suleman Lalani</b> State Representative, District 76</p>	<p>Effective 9/1/2023</p>

If you want to read about any of my legislation, please go to my House [website](#).

***\*If this or any other legislation, issue or policy interests you, please get engaged! If you need ideas on how to get engaged, please contact us at [District76.Lalani@house.texas.gov](mailto:District76.Lalani@house.texas.gov). We can help!***

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## ***The Job Link\****

This section is intended to give HD 76 access to employment opportunities.

## ***Sugar Land Space Cowboys***

Baseball season starts in March and you could be part of the team! Check out these jobs working for the Space Cowboys

For more information, please go to [Sugar Land Space Cowboys](#).

***\*If you are an employer and want to share hiring information, please reach out to our office at [District76.Lalani@house.texas.gov](mailto:District76.Lalani@house.texas.gov) and use the subject line "District Employment Opportunity" and we will share it in our newsletter.***

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## ***Out and About in HD 76***



# Sewa International

(708) USA - SEWA  
info@sewauusa.org  
www.sewauusa.org

Join hands with our movement for **service above self**



Guided by the Hindu philosophy of **sewa**, Sewa International is a global network of service organizations that work regardless of race, religion, gender, or nationality.

**HELP 2023 Gala**  
Sewa International - Houston  
December 10, 2023

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**Islamic Arts Festival**  
December 26, 2023  
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Happy New Year  
from our family  
to yours!!  
January 1, 2024

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**George Ranch**  
**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off**  
January 11, 2024  
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**MLK Awards Gala**  
January 14, 2024  
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**Celebrating 75 years of  
Indonesia-United States  
Diplomatic Relations**  
January 19, 2024  
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**Dr. Suleman Lalani**  
State Representative, District 70



**STEAMFEST**  
Harmony Science Academy - Sugar Land  
January 20, 2024

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State Representative, District 76



**United States  
Ismaili Arts Festival**  
January 20, 2024  
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State Representative, District 76







## How to Reach Us

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