

# 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 <u>link</u>.

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



### 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 <u>Fort Bend County Elections</u> office to see if you are registered in Fort Bend County.

You can check the <u>Texas Secretary of State's My Voter Portal</u> to see if you are registered elsewhere in the state.

Voter Registration Applications can be found <u>here</u>. It must printed, signed and mailed or delivered to:

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

# 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.

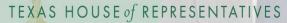


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Lalani Legislation Recap\*









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. We can help!

### 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 and use the subject line "District Employment Opportunity" and we will share it in our newsletter.

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