

City of Houston Ordinance No. 2026- 0307

AN ORDINANCE TABULATING THE VOTES CAST AND CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 4, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT C; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; DECLARING THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Houston City Council in the Office of Council Member, District C, resulting from the automatic resignation of Council Member Abbie Kamin on December 5, 2025, pursuant to Article XVI, section 65 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, section 11(c) of the Texas Constitution required the City of Houston (the "City") to hold a special election to fill the vacancy within 120 days after the date the vacancy occurred; and

WHEREAS, the City held a special election ("Election") on April 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Election was given in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk of Harris County (the "Election Official") has tallied the returns for the Election and prepared a tabulation of the votes cast at the Election as required by the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Election Official has delivered the tabulation of votes cast at the Election to the Mayor of the City as the presiding officer of the City Council, the governing body of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code requires the City Council to examine and canvass the returns of the Election not less than three days nor more than eleven days after the date of the Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 67.004(a), two members of City Council constitute a quorum for purposes of canvassing an election; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Houston, Texas, the Election was held in the City on April 4, 2026, for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the Office of Council Member, District C of the City of Houston, for the remainder of the existing term of such office, which ends at 12:00 a.m. midnight on January 1, 2028.

Section 3. That the City Council, having examined the returns of the Election in an open meeting, finds that such returns are correct. The City Council further adopts the official final canvass results of Harris County for the Election. The City Council further finds that miscellaneous irregular votes were cast, but the number of irregular votes was insufficient to prevent any leading candidate from receiving a majority of all the votes cast for that office.

Section 4. That the City Council finds and determines that a total of 9,444 ballots were cast in this Election. That the City Council finds and determines that the following candidates received the number of votes indicated below:

Special Election

**For the Office of
Council Member, District C**

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Angelica Luna Kaufman	475
Sophia Campos	163
Audrey Nath	1,877
Laura C. Gallier	437
Patrick Oathout	1,212
Joe Panzarella	3,138
Nick Hellyar	2,126

Section 5. On the basis of the canvass above, the City Council finds and declares that no candidate received a majority of all votes for the Office of Council Member, District

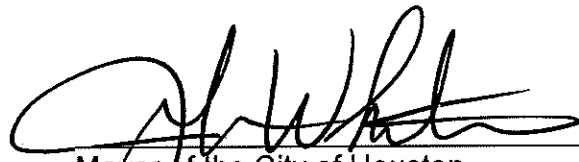
C, and a runoff election will be held in accordance with the provisions of law.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall constitute the official act of the City Council in examining, counting and declaring the results of the Election.

Section 7. The City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares that sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at City Hall for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 8. There exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April, 2026.



Mayor of the City of Houston

DocuSigned by:
Danielle Folsom
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(Senior Assistant City Attorney)

Prepared by Legal Dept.
DRF 4/13/2026
Requested by Troy Lemon, City Secretary
L.D. File No. LD-GC-0000000649

CAPTION PUBLISHED IN DAILY COURT
REVIEW
DATE: 4-21-26

Meeting

4/15/2026

Aye	No	
✓		Mayor Whitmire
....	Council Members
✓		Peck
✓		Jackson
✓		Kamin
✓		Evans-Shabazz
✓		Flickinger
✓		Thomas
✓		Huffman
absent on City business		Castillo
✓		Martinez
✓		Pollard
absent due to being ill		Castex-Tatum
✓		Ramirez
absent on personal business		Davis
✓		Carter
✓		Salinas
✓		Alcorn
Caption	Adopted	

Captions Published in DAILY COURT REVIEW

Date: 4/21/2026

Cumulative Results Report

Harris County, Texas

Official Results

Registered Voters
9444 of 169009 = 5.59%

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Choice	Party	Ballot by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day	EV Provisional	ED Provisional	Total
ANGELICA LUNA KAUFMAN		163 15.32%	209 3.87%	102 3.46%	1 11.11%	0 0.00%	475 5.04%
SOPHIA CAMPOS		50 4.70%	78 1.44%	35 1.19%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	163 1.73%
AUDREY NATH		164 15.41%	1,042 19.30%	667 22.65%	0 0.00%	4 33.33%	1,877 19.91%
LAURA C. GALLER		93 8.74%	230 4.26%	112 3.80%	1 11.11%	1 8.33%	437 4.64%
PATRICK OATHOUT		109 10.24%	709 13.13%	390 13.24%	1 11.11%	3 25.00%	1,212 12.86%
JOE PANZARELLA		223 20.96%	1,821 33.73%	1,089 36.98%	4 44.44%	1 8.33%	3,138 33.28%
NICK HELLVAR		262 24.62%	1,309 24.25%	550 18.68%	2 22.22%	3 25.00%	2,116 22.55%
	Cast Votes:	1,064 100.00%	5,398 100.00%	2,945 100.00%	9 100.00%	12 100.00%	9,428 100.00%
	Undervotes:	4	10	2	0	0	16
	Overvotes:	0	0	0	0	0	0

*** End of report ***

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Predict	ANGELICA LUNA KAUFMAN	SOPHIA CAMPOS	AUDREY NATH	LAURA C. GALLIER	PATRICK OATHOUT	JOE PANZARELLA	NICK HELLYAR	Cast Votes	Undervotes	Overvotes	Ballot by Mail Ballots Cast	Early Voting Ballots Cast	Election Day Ballots Cast	EV Provisional Ballots Cast	ED Provisional Ballots Cast	Total Ballots Cast	Registered Voters	Turnout Percentage
0003	1	6	22	9	12	76	34	160	0	0	6	101	53	0	0	160	2,049	7.81%
0030	3	2	36	7	14	81	15	158	0	0	5	106	47	0	0	158	3,668	4.31%
0033	11	4	42	4	32	112	30	235	0	0	13	146	74	0	2	235	3,883	6.05%
0034	6	3	53	4	37	113	41	257	1	0	27	140	90	0	1	258	3,386	7.62%
0037	4	1	135	8	34	86	45	313	0	0	13	241	59	0	0	313	3,180	9.84%
0038	17	5	108	13	39	126	69	377	1	0	27	239	110	1	1	378	3,554	10.64%
0039	7	8	46	23	53	133	47	317	0	0	38	169	110	0	0	317	4,012	7.90%
0040	3	2	13	0	15	22	11	66	0	0	9	44	13	0	0	66	578	11.42%
0052	3	7	43	3	15	30	33	134	1	0	12	75	48	0	0	135	3,230	4.18%
0053	2	0	22	6	12	46	21	109	0	0	3	63	43	0	0	109	3,000	3.63%
0054	5	2	14	10	17	37	25	110	0	0	2	74	34	0	0	110	1,911	5.76%
0055	7	2	11	3	15	32	19	89	0	0	3	50	36	0	0	89	3,494	2.55%
0057	14	6	45	24	34	175	67	365	0	0	30	192	143	0	0	365	3,739	9.76%
0058	6	1	26	6	21	29	30	119	0	0	13	72	34	0	0	119	2,945	4.04%
0059	22	5	35	18	29	121	36	266	1	0	35	147	85	0	0	267	3,100	8.61%
0060	15	5	53	11	28	122	37	271	0	0	20	172	79	0	0	271	3,238	8.37%
0070	16	5	63	11	21	64	69	249	1	0	39	130	80	0	1	250	4,960	5.04%
0071	6	5	24	1	19	44	11	110	0	0	4	55	51	0	0	110	4,324	2.54%
0075	3	2	19	4	15	58	17	118	2	0	3	77	40	0	0	120	2,796	4.29%
0086	7	2	37	8	30	58	36	178	4	0	15	110	56	1	0	182	4,948	3.68%

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0123	7	0	19	4	13	44	16	103	0	0	0	12	61	30	0	0	103	2,091	4.93%
0139	14	2	50	9	23	88	44	230	0	0	44	121	62	1	2	230	4,591	5.01%	
0148	8	2	40	13	81	82	53	279	0	0	43	111	125	0	0	279	2,922	9.55%	
0175	5	0	49	8	13	40	26	141	0	0	19	62	60	0	0	141	2,976	4.74%	
0176	7	1	6	7	6	33	36	96	0	0	9	59	28	0	0	96	1,551	6.19%	
0177	0	0	5	2	0	3	0	10	0	0	2	6	2	0	0	10	752	1.33%	
0182	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	722	0.42%	
0189	1	0	17	11	7	12	10	58	0	0	2	31	23	0	2	58	1,773	3.27%	
0200	8	2	63	3	24	47	43	190	1	0	20	119	52	0	0	191	1,846	10.35%	
0204	18	4	24	9	48	47	68	218	1	0	34	133	51	1	0	219	4,634	4.73%	
0222	9	5	40	10	66	115	103	348	0	0	61	187	100	0	0	348	3,378	10.30%	
0232	3	1	19	2	7	29	55	116	0	0	24	42	49	1	0	116	2,061	5.63%	
0233	11	2	22	2	8	19	27	91	1	0	32	39	19	2	0	92	3,682	2.50%	
0281	17	1	32	4	28	59	92	233	0	0	40	109	84	0	0	233	2,611	8.92%	
0304	10	2	29	4	16	49	46	156	0	0	14	98	44	0	0	156	2,349	6.64%	
0313	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0.00%	
0315	12	2	42	4	24	26	42	152	0	0	31	70	51	0	0	152	1,743	8.72%	
0316	7	4	23	3	7	42	40	126	0	0	23	70	32	1	0	126	1,640	7.68%	
0317	2	1	5	0	1	4	4	17	0	0	3	9	5	0	0	17	1,415	1.20%	
0350	6	2	19	5	9	40	22	103	0	0	22	50	28	0	3	103	3,714	2.77%	
0360	10	4	21	11	12	52	64	174	0	0	50	78	46	0	0	174	3,828	4.55%	
0361	1	0	9	0	1	7	0	18	0	0	0	2	16	0	0	18	2,458	0.73%	
0403	13	2	27	6	18	27	50	143	0	0	20	71	52	0	0	143	1,817	7.87%	
0448	12	4	41	16	23	43	65	204	0	0	15	142	47	0	0	204	3,641	5.60%	
0472	4	0	20	0	16	29	28	97	0	0	8	64	25	0	0	97	1,232	7.87%	
0501	7	2	36	9	5	97	44	200	0	0	15	106	79	0	0	200	2,544	7.86%	
0505	16	8	17	12	28	18	37	136	0	0	25	74	37	0	0	136	4,664	2.92%	
0570	2	0	3	0	6	6	5	22	0	0	1	16	5	0	0	22	1,688	1.30%	
0578	13	4	39	21	30	34	55	196	1	0	23	118	56	0	0	197	2,156	9.14%	
0663	3	1	8	5	7	10	12	46	0	0	6	28	12	0	0	46	760	6.05%	

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0710	17	3	40	10	19	37	52	178	0	0	14	95	69	0	0	178	3,138	5.67%
0729	0	0	1	0	3	8	3	15	0	0	2	12	1	0	0	15	459	3.27%
0736	28	6	39	17	25	59	19	193	0	0	6	120	66	1	0	193	3,054	6.32%
0775	2	0	28	3	14	24	20	91	0	0	5	58	28	0	0	91	3,706	2.46%
0819	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	219	2.28%
0831	5	0	9	2	8	22	13	59	0	0	4	37	18	0	0	59	1,028	5.74%
0837	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	177	0.56%
0895	1	0	17	3	14	27	19	81	0	0	2	52	27	0	0	81	939	8.63%
0896	3	2	33	3	10	78	49	178	0	0	28	93	57	0	0	178	2,033	8.76%
0902	7	1	23	12	24	48	41	156	0	0	16	100	40	0	0	156	4,253	3.67%
0919	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
0927	12	5	48	17	28	50	50	210	0	0	22	121	67	0	0	210	4,730	4.44%
0937	6	9	27	2	16	30	14	104	0	0	19	63	22	0	0	104	2,973	3.50%
0940	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
1004	2	3	0	1	2	5	7	20	0	0	0	16	4	0	0	20	820	2.44%
1175	8	5	40	13	30	79	55	230	1	0	35	155	41	0	0	231	4,165	5.55%
Totals	475	165	1,877	437	1,212	3,138	2,126	9,428	16	0	1,068	5,408	2,947	9	12	9,444	169,009	5.59%

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Houston:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Houston, I submit and introduce to you the ordinances set out in the attached agenda for the meeting of the City Council of the City of Houston on the 14th of APRIL and 15th of APRIL 2026, with the request that all such ordinances, except for those ordinances making a grant of any franchise or special privilege, or requiring multiple readings under state law or the City Charter, be passed finally on the date of their introduction. Other than those items excepted, there exists a public emergency requiring final passage on the date of introduction, and I accordingly request that you pass the same if they meet with your approval.

Signed by:



Mayor of the City of Houston

DATE: APRIL 14, 2026

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