UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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UHPD Transparency and Accountability Act

Whereas, community policing is a collaborative approach between law enforcement and the community to prevent crime and improve public safety;

Whereas, the University of Houston is home to a student body of over 46,000 students placing it within the top 30 largest universities by student body in the nation;

Whereas, following recent events that occurred on the UH campus many students have come out not knowing the job of a UHPD officer, the Uniform of a UHPD Officer, or simply having seen on within their day to day lives as a student;

Whereas, it is important for students to not only feel safe but to be able to ask questions to the people in charge of their safety whilst also being able to be informed of ongoing efforts by campus officials to improve safety

Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

The University of Houston Police Department be mandated to hold at minimum 1 public town-hall event within the first 3 months of every semester, for them to present statistics from the previous semester and to answer questions from the student body regarding crime and safety on campus.

Be it further enacted, that the statistics provided to students include but are not limited to number of crimes having occurred within with in the previous semester including misdemeanors and felonies, the number of arrest made in correlation with those reports, the amount of outstanding open cases from the previous semester, ongoing plans to improve safety on campus, the updated number of armed and unarmed police and security officers on campus, and finally any provide dates for any further community based events targeted towards community outreach with students

Be it further enacted that each town-hall meeting be mandated to last at least an hour and thirty minutes with 45 minutes designated towards answering questions from the student body regarding safety concerns on campus;

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