City of Houston Ordinance No. 2025-962

AN ORDINANCE TABULATING THE VOTES CAST AND CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 4; 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, At-Large Position 4, resulting from the automatic resignation of Council Member Letitia Plummer on July 8, 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 to hold a special election to fill the vacancy within 120 days after the date the vacancy occurred; and

WHEREAS, the City of Houston (the "City") held a special election ("Election") on November 4, 2025; and

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

WHEREAS, the County Clerk of Harris County and the Election Administrators of Fort Bend and Montgomery Counties (the "Election Officials") have 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;

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 November 4, 2025, for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the Office of Council Member, At-Large Position 4 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, Montgomery County, and Fort Bend Counties 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 5. That the City Council finds and determines that a total of 218,685 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, At-Large Position 4

Name of Candidate	Number of Votes
J. Brad Batteau	5171
Sheraz Mohammad Siddiqui	6,752
Angie Thibodeaux	12,106
Alejandra Salinas	38,183
Sonia Rivera	19,204
Kathy L. Tatum	5,600
Jordan Thomas	28,892

Ethan Hale	3,822
Adrian Thomas Rogers	3,554
Cris Wright	4,023
Martina Lemond Dixon	7,964
Al Lloyd	3,542
Dwight A. Boykins	37,887
Miguel Herrera	6,034
Kristal Mtaza-Lyons (write-in candidate)	80

Section 6. 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, At-Large Position 4, and a runoff election will be held in accordance with the provisions of law.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall constitute the official act of the City Council in examining, counting and declaring the results of the Election.

Section 8. 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 9. 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 14th day of November, 2025.

Martha Castex-Tatum
Mayor of the City of Houston

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Danielle Folsom
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DATE: 11-20-25

City of Houston - Cumulative

General and Special Elections

Run Time 1:47 PM
Run Date 11/11/2025

Harris County, Texas

General and Special Elections

11/4/2025

Official Results

Registered Voters
214404 of 2702268 = 7.93%

City of Houston, Council Member, At-Large Position 4, Unexpired Term - Vote for none or one

Choice	Party	Ballot by Mail		Early Voting		Election Day		EV Provisional		ED Provisional		Total	
J. Brad Batteau		47	1.18%	2,385	2.77%	2,594	2.91%	1	2.56%	1	3.23%	5,028	2.81%
Sheraz Mohammad Siddiqui		36	0.91%	2,587	3.01%	4,041	4.54%	1	2.56%	3	9.68%	6,668	3.72%
Angie Thibodeaux		254	6.40%	4,942	5.75%	6,532	7.33%	0	0.00%	2	6.45%	11,730	6.55%
Alejandra Salinas		897	22.61%	18,349	21.34%	18,734	21.03%	10	25.64%	7	22.58%	37,997	21.22%
Sonia Rivera		189	4.76%	8,405	9.78%	10,396	11.67%	1	2.56%	2	6.45%	18,993	10.60%
Kathy L. Tatum		121	3.05%	2,521	2.93%	2,797	3.14%	1	2.56%	0	0.00%	5,440	3.04%
Jordan Thomas		656	16.54%	13,739	15.98%	14,250	15.99%	11	28.21%	4	12.90%	28,660	16.00%
Ethan Hale		59	1.49%	1,629	1.89%	2,097	2.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3,785	2.11%
Adrian Thomas Rogers		77	1.94%	1,601	1.86%	1,794	2.01%	1	2.56%	1	3.23%	3,474	1.94%
Cris Wright		78	1.97%	1,890	2.20%	1,961	2.20%	1	2.56%	0	0.00%	3,930	2.19%
Martina Lemond Dixon		140	3.53%	3,730	4.34%	4,063	4.56%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	7,933	4.43%
Al Lloyd		67	1.69%	1,733	2.02%	1,685	1.89%	2	5.13%	1	3.23%	3,488	1.95%
Dwight A. Boykins		1,300	32.77%	20,303	23.62%	14,328	16.08%	8	20.51%	5	16.13%	35,944	20.07%
Miguel Herrera		38	0.96%	2,115	2.46%	3,797	4.26%	2	5.13%	5	16.13%	5,957	3.33%
Kristal Mtaza-Lyons (W)		8	0.20%	41	0.05%	27	0.03%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	76	0.04%
	Cast Votes:	3,967	100.00%	85,970	100.00%	89,096	100.00%	39	100.00%	31	100.00%	179,103	100.00%
	Undervotes:	715		13,109		21,444		3		7		35,278	
	Overvotes:	23		0		0		0		0		23	

*** End of report ***

City of Houston Special Election Cumulative Report

November Joint Election

Run Time 4:11 PM
Run Date 11/12/2025

Montgomery County, Texas

Joint Election

11/4/2025

Official Results

Registered Voters
288 of 3816 = 7.55%

Precincts Reporting
7 of 7 = 100.00%

City of Houston Council Member, At-Large Position 4, Unexpired Term - Vote for one or for none

Choice	Party	Early Voting		Absentee		Election Day		Total	
J. Brad Batteau		3	4.17%	0	0.00%	10	9.17%	13	6.88%
Sheraz Mohammad Siddiqui		5	6.94%	0	0.00%	8	7.34%	13	6.88%
Angie Thibodeaux		8	11.11%	0	0.00%	16	14.68%	24	12.70%
Alejandra Salinas		13	18.06%	3	37.50%	13	11.93%	29	15.34%
Sonia Rivera		8	11.11%	0	0.00%	7	6.42%	15	7.94%
Kathy L. Tatum		2	2.78%	2	25.00%	2	1.83%	6	3.17%
Jordan Thomas		5	6.94%	0	0.00%	18	16.51%	23	12.17%
Ethan Hale		2	2.78%	0	0.00%	4	3.67%	6	3.17%
Adrian Thomas Rogers		4	5.56%	1	12.50%	6	5.50%	11	5.82%
Cris Wright		2	2.78%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	1.06%
Martina Lemond Dixon		2	2.78%	1	12.50%	3	2.75%	6	3.17%
Al Lloyd		0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	1.83%	2	1.06%
Dwight A. Boykins		14	19.44%	1	12.50%	9	8.26%	24	12.70%
Miguel Herrera		4	5.56%	0	0.00%	11	10.09%	15	7.94%
	Cast Votes:	72	100.00%	8	100.00%	109	100.00%	189	100.00%
	Undervotes:	37		13		49		99	
	Overvotes:	0		0		0		0	

*** End of report ***

Summary Results Report
Constitutional Amendment and Special Election
November 4, 2025

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Fort Bend

STATISTICS

	TOTAL	Election Day	Absentee	Early Voting
Election Day Precincts Reporting	176 of 176	176	0	0
Registered Voters - Total	24,742			
Ballots Cast - Total	3,993	2,015	59	1,919
Ballots Cast - Blank	2	2	0	0
Voter Turnout - Total	16.14%			

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Council Member, At-Large Position 4, Unexpired Term City of Houston

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee	Early Voting
J. Brad Batteau	130	3.65%	77	0	53
Sheraz Mohammad Siddiqui	71	1.99%	44	0	27
Angie Thibodeaux	352	9.87%	197	4	151
Alejandra Salinas	157	4.40%	107	3	47
Sonia Rivera	196	5.50%	103	1	92
Kathy L. Tatum	154	4.32%	71	3	80
Jordan Thomas	209	5.86%	132	4	73
Ethan Hale	31	0.87%	17	3	11
Adrian Thomas Rogers	69	1.93%	48	0	21
Cris Wright	91	2.55%	55	0	36
Martina Lemond Dixon	25	0.70%	14	0	11
Al Lloyd	52	1.46%	28	0	24
Dwight A. Boykins	1,919	53.81%	818	36	1,065
Miguel Herrera	62	1.74%	41	0	21
Write-In Totals	48	1.35%	21	1	26
Write-In: Kristal Mtaza-Lyons	4	0.11%	2	1	1
Not Assigned	44	1.23%	19	0	25
Total Votes Cast	3,566	100.00%	1,773	55	1,738
Overvotes	0		0	0	0
Undervotes	427		242	4	181
Contest Totals	3,993		2,015	59	1,919
Precincts Reporting	34 of 34				

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