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A Resolution Encouraging the Democratic Engagement of the Students of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Prior to and During the November 2020 Elections

A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government

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Whereas, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA Students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”, and,

Whereas, at the time this resolution is introduced, there will be less than two weeks until the November 3, 2020 elections; and,

Whereas, LSA SG is an officially non-partisan organization with no ties to national or campuswide political parties; and,

Whereas, though non-partisan and without political affiliations, LSA SG finds itself in a position where its voice should be heard to encourage democratic engagement by the students of LSA; and,

Whereas, political decisions at all levels affect us all as individuals; and,

Whereas, as individuals we each have the ability to create political change in our communities, both large and small.

Be it therefore resolved, that LSA SG encourages all students, regardless of ideology or affiliation, to become involved with efforts focused on the November 2020 elections; and,

Be it further resolved, that the President of LSA SG is instructed to [register LSA SG](#) as an “Student Orgs Vote” and ‘My Vote Project’ student organization as part of the University of Michigan’s efforts in the [Big Ten Voting Challenge](#); and,

Be it further resolved, that all members of LSA SG (including the Executive Board, representatives, committee leadership and members, BAC At-Large representatives, and external appointees) be encouraged to promote voter engagement further encourage their enfranchised friends, colleagues, and classmates to exercise their democratic ability to vote on or before November 3rd; and,

Be it further resolved, that LSA SG encourages all LSA students eligible to cast ballots in this election to do so; and,

Be it further resolved, that LSA SG encourages all students (regardless of their voter eligibility) to become involved in the democratic process through campaigning, voter engagement or registration, poll staffing, reporting, recruitment, or other forms of active participation; and,

Be it further resolved, that the General Assembly of LSA SG approves of efforts by the committees of LSA SG to make available resources to students to aid in their absentee voting; and,

Be it finally resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the organizers of the Big 10 Voting Challenge at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, to Edie Goldenberg (faculty advisor of Turn Up Turnout), to Dean Anne Curzan, and other individuals or organizations determined by the LSA SG Vice President to be interested in this resolution.