

Roma High School Student Council

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Amberlin Sandoval- **Head TA**
Samantha Moreno- **TA**
Rebeca Garcia - **Advisor**

To the Texas Association of Student Councils,

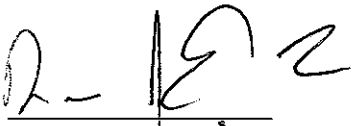
Roma High School Student Council would like to formally declare its intent to run for the position of Secretary in the 2025 Texas Association of Student Councils election. Roma's leading proponents have conferred and deemed the intention for Secretary lies upon the values of diversifying and unifying the state of Texas while also balancing the responsibilities which are endowed with the position in itself. By receiving this highly regarded position Roma High School understands that their platform "Bridge The Silence" may also be chosen as next year's state project. Bridge The Silence is formed on the principle of inclusivity and what it truly means to be "inclusive".

Our candidacy thrives upon our captivating platform, Bridge The Silence, which advocates for the voices that are most often drowned out in the many areas of disability awareness, the deaf community. Our platform clarifies the foggy future of inclusivity by defining where it is lost, effective and functional communication. We hope to help build the foundation which will connect councils across Texas with TASC being the leading force in increasing Deaf Awareness and encouraging people all around Texas (and further) to learn or begin learning American Sign Language.

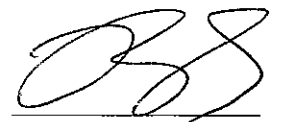
All the while focusing on promoting inclusivity, our platform exemplifies adaptability and applicability by being created in alliance with the pillars of TASC: citizenship, scholarship, leadership, human relations, and cultural values. Bridge the Silence includes many diverse events ranging from Deaf and Hearing Wellness Walk(DASH) to Signing Pals Program(Community Service) all combining to urge the need for incorporating activities which make all those a part and not a part of the overlooked deaf community feel included. It is important or not however, that such constraints upon which project any school decides to undertake regarding the platform is malleable to fit the respective school's needs and requirements.

Our Roma High School Student Council Advisor, Rebeca Garcia, and student representative, Isabella Elizondo, are eager to share the project's purpose to evidently not only influence the Student Council community within Texas itself but also nationwide. While experience contributes to Rebeca Garcia's qualifications by serving as the District 16 President Advisor and being an important asset to the TASC Summer Leadership Workshop Program staff, it is her passion for gaining from the accounts of others ranging from vast distances which drives her commendable character. Even though she is a young leader in the making, Isabella Elizondo has shined within and outside of her positions serving on both our council's and District 16's executive board. Both Garcia and Elizondo emphasize the platform's cause, inclusivity, by including their socioeconomic dynamics they have formed through their leadership and continue to use throughout its infinite duration.


Including every demographic of the education system is an issue which is consistently undermined for it is hard to highlight every single one of its aspects. In accordance with the National Deaf Center, over 11 million Americans are deaf or hard of hearing and have experienced difficulties with being included in their community. Our campaign intends to highlight the need to make a sometimes forgotten group of important individuals feel one with their community by bridging the silence which divides them from their hearing peers. Roma High School targets such a crucial cause by aiming to educate the entire state of Texas with shining a spotlight on deaf awareness, and how such inclusion can be achieved through state-wide comprehension of American Sign Language. We hope to achieve such crucial goals through our possibility of serving as the Secretary of TASC and wholeheartedly appreciate your consideration of our candidacy's intention.



Dr. Jorge Guzman
Principal



Rebeca Garcia
Advisor Representative



Isabella Elizondo
Student Representative



Intent to Run for TASC State Office 2024-2025

School	Roma High School
Position Sought	Secretary
Advisor's Name (person who will serve on the Board if elected to office)	Rebeca Garcia
School Address	US - 83
School City, State, Zip	Roma, TX, 78584
Advisor's School Email	rrgarcia@romaisd.com
Advisor's School Phone <small>(Ensure that cell phone is listed on advisor profile on website.)</small>	956-352-4606
Principal's Name	Dr. Jorge E Guzman
Student Representative (Student who will serve on Board if school is elected to office)	Isabella Elizondo
Platform: What is your issue, and <u>what are you proposing that TASC as an association or TASC member schools do to address this?</u> (Please see TASC guidelines if there is a cost to this platform.)	Roma High School Student Council's mission for, Bridge The Silence, is to reinforce the idea that inclusivity is non-linear. In our society when we think of inclusivity we tend to focus on equality amongst races, gender, and sexuality. While these are all equally important in their own aspect, disability awareness, specifically deaf awareness, falls through the cracks very often. Our campaign focuses on Deaf Awareness as we attempt to encourage schools across Texas to find ways to incorporate the education of American Sign Language into their schools and their communities.

INTENT TO RUN CHECKLIST

Verify before submitting your intent to run that the following is included:

- Candidate School's Official Letter of Intent
- Intent to Run (first 3 pages here)
- Candidate School's Resume
- TASC Officer and Advisor Agreement
- TASC District/State Social Media Code of Conduct

Do not include personal contact information such as cell phone, home address, etc.

Scan and submit all materials as one pdf document. Do not submit Google docs.

Advisor, principal, and student must initial each item below.

Advisor RG
Principal J
Student JK

We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative are expected to attend the TASC State Steering Committee Meeting.

Advisor RG
Principal J
Student JK

We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative are expected to attend the TASC Summer Board Meeting.

Advisor RG
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Student JK

We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative are expected to attend the TASC Fall Board Meeting.

Advisor RG
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Student JK

We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative are expected to attend the TASC Annual Conference.

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We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative will be responsible for some expenses related to optional travel (i.e. travel to Out of State Conference).

Advisor RG
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Student JK

We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative will be encouraged to attend a selected Out of State Conference. (TASC will pay registration, pre-trip activities and hotel for student representative.)

Advisor RG
Principal J
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We understand, if elected, our school are responsible for presenting information at the Advisors Workshop, the Middle Level Annual Conference, and the HS Annual Conference.

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Principal J
Student JK

We understand all TASC officer schools (to include the advisor and student representative) are expected to support and attend all TASC activities including Summer Leadership Workshop, and Advanced Workshops as well as District events.

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Student JK

We have read and understand the specific responsibilities of the office in which we are running.

Advisor RG
Principal J
Student JK

If elected, we agree to serve the full term of our office.

*Please note that the school runs for the office. One student representative and one advisor are named by the school per office to sit on the Board. The named advisor of record must organize the campaign, represent the school at the HS Annual Conference, and remain active throughout the term of office. At the written request of the school, those representatives may be changed at any time. The TASC Board of Directors may remove a student or an advisor for a violation of TASC policy. A school may be removed from office by the TASC Board of Directors for failure to fulfill duties of office.

Principal's Signature 

Advisor's Signature 

Student's Signature 

*If student representative has not been selected by the time of initial filing, please resubmit form with student's initials and signature by date of final Officer Candidate Filing. If the student representative changes, resubmit the form as soon as possible.

Date Submitted 12/19/24

Candidate School's Resume

School Name:

Candidate for which office:

School's Qualifications	2024	2023	2022
Did your school earn Sweepstakes?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Did your school earn Outstanding Student Council?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Did your school Pride and Patriotism recognition?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Did your school earn Energy and Environment recognition?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Did your school earn Community Service recognition?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Did your school earn Top 10 Projects recognition?	No	No	No
Did your school earn Top 10 Video recognition?	Yes	No	No
Did you school attend Lakeview/Mo Ranch TASC Advanced Leadership Workshop?	No	No	No
Did your school attend the TASC HS Annual Conference?	Yes	No	Yes
Did your school attend a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?	Yes	No	No
Has your school held a TASC district office?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Has your school hosted a TASC district conference?	No	No	No
	Year	Year	Year
Has your school ever served as a TASC state officer school? Please list the 3 most recent years served.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Has your school ever served as the TASC HS Annual Conference coordinator school?	N/A	N/A	N/A
Advisor's Qualifications	2024	2023	2022
Did advisor attend the TASC Advisors' Workshop?	No	No	No
Did advisor present at the TASC Advisors' Workshop?	No	No	No
Did advisor attend Lakeview/Mo Ranch TASC Advanced Leadership Workshop?	No	No	No
Did advisor attend the TASC HS Annual Conference?	Yes	No	Yes
Did advisor addend a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?	Yes	No	No
Did advisor serve on staff at a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?	Yes	No	No
Has the school held a TASC district office under this advisor?	Yes	Yes	No
Has the school hosted a TASC district conference under this advisor?	No	No	No
Student Representative's Qualifications	2024	2023	2022
Did the student attend Lakeview/Mo Ranch TASC Advanced Workshop?	No	No	No
Did the student attend the TASC HS Annual Conference?	Yes	No	No
Was the student a Table Talk Presenter at the TASC HS Annual Conference?	No	No	No
Did the student attend a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?	Yes	No	No
Did the student serve as a JC at a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?	No	No	No
Has the student held a TASC district office?	Yes - President (Currently)	No	No
Has the student held an officer position in student council?	Yes - Vice Presid	Yes - DASH Chair	No

Additional Comments: List (This can be any additional information you wish to share regarding qualifications, experience, etc.)

Roma High School is a Title 1 school and has a majority of students who are low – middle income and cannot afford to pay for leadership/summer workshops. The only funds our district aids student council with is paying for our State Conference Registration fees, which we are very grateful for. Our council has to fundraise to pay for transportation to the State Conference and to District Meetings (which are an hour away from us), for our hotel and food for the state trip, for any leadership and summer workshops the student and advisor have chosen to attend, and for any student council events and activities that we host at our school. I have chosen not to attend advisor workshops as to not spend any money that we can use for the council itself as it would have to come out of our money that we fundraise. This was mine and my students' first year attending a summer workshop as we were able to afford to pay for one student, I worked on staff and District 16 paid for one of my students as she is D16 President currently.

Our student representative, Isabella Elizondo, is very driven and hard-working. She has committed herself to study and learn what student council is on the local, district and state level. She is very passionate about serving the community locally, district wide, and state wide. We understand we (both Isabella and I) have not had the privilege of attending many leadership and summer workshops or other TASC events, but we are committed to continue learning as much as we can and serve the state to our best capacity.