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**This ceremony was first used on April 28, 2018 at   
Houston City Council’s   
Founder’s Day Celebration of   
Beta Sigma Phi’s 87th Anniversary whereby  
Sharon Johnson   
(2017-2018 President)   
“Passed the Torch” to  
 America “Pinky” Stromek   
(2018-2019 President)**



Houston City Council

Ceremony

Outgoing President:

(Turn on Torch, place it in your right hand, and extend it toward the Incoming President)

A leader is like a light held high that brightens the way not only for herself, but also for others. I now pass on this Torch of leadership to you, so that you may light the way for all of us in the coming year.

(Pass Torch to Incoming President who holds it in her right hand)

Incoming President:

(Raise Torch higher and turn toward the membership)

I pledge to you, my sisters in Houston City Council, that I will do my very best to lead in such a way that will keep this Torch burning brightly for all of us.

(Turn off Torch)

Outgoing President:

(Present HCC Gavel & Gavel Block to Incoming President)

Purpose: The purpose of this ceremony is a symbolic passing of Presidential duties from the Outgoing President to the Incoming President.

Setting: The Outgoing and Incoming Presidents stand in front of the Head Table facing each other.

Properties:   
One battery-operated Torch  
HCC President’s Gavel and Gavel Block