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City Council Races Set for General Election

At-Large and four District races are competitive; stronger voter turnout is important in November.

In the Preliminary Election for City Council on September 27th, less than 14% of registered voters came out to the polls. For the General Election on **November 8th**, seven candidates are running for the four At-Large Council seats and only four of the nine District races are competitive, leaving a majority of District Councilors with no challenger. A strong turnout by the voters of Boston for the General election is important since the City Council addresses issues that impact the quality of life in the City.

Candidates for the four At-Large seats

Felix Arroyo *
John Connolly *
Steve Murphy *
Ayanna Pressley *
Will Dorcena
Michael Flaherty **
Sean Ryan

* Incumbents

** Michael Flaherty previously served as At-Large City Councilor for nine years and as City Council President for four.

District Races

Five of the nine District Councilors are running unopposed. They are:

Unopposed District Councilors

District 1	Salvatore LaMattina
District 5	Rob Consalvo
District 6	Matt O'Malley
District 8	Michael Ross
District 9	Mark Ciommo

In **District 2**, Councilor **Bill Linehan** from South Boston, who is running for his third term, came in second place in the preliminary election with 35% of the vote. **Bob Ferrara**, also from South Boston, missed the cut with 25% of the vote. **Suzanne Lee**, a South End activist and former BPS principle, received 39% of the ballots marked.

In **District 3**, Councilor **Maureen Feeney** is not seeking re-election after 17 years on the City Council. **John O'Toole**, one of the two Neponset area candidates in the race, received 25.9% of the vote. **Craig Galvin**, also a Neponset area resident, came in third at 23.8%. With seven candidates vying for the position, it was **Frank Baker** who came out on top. Baker, a well-known Savin Hill activist, received 31.5% of the vote.

In **District 4**, Councilor **Charles Yancey** is being challenged by **J.R. Rucker**, who previously ran unsuccessfully.

In **District 7**, incumbent Councilor **Tito Jackson**, who earned his seat on the City Council six months ago in a special election, received a solid majority of 76% of the votes cast in the District. He is challenged by **Sheneal Parker**, a Mattapan community organizer and former teacher, who received 11% of the vote.