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## City Council Races Set for November Election

*Voter turnout is important in non-Mayoral election.*

The November 6th city election, which will decide who will serve on the City Council for the next two years, is only days away. Nine candidates are running for the four At-Large Council seats and only four of the nine District races are competitive, leaving five District Councilors with no challenger.

In the last non-Mayoral City Council election in 2003, only 25% of those registered actually voted. Today, 262,949 residents are registered as active voters.

Running for the four **At-Large** seats are the four City Council incumbents:

Felix D. Arroyo  
Michael F. Flaherty  
Stephen J. Murphy  
Sam H. Yoon

The five challengers are:

John R. Connolly  
William P. Estrada  
Matthew Geary  
Martin J. Hogan  
David James Wyatt

Of these five, John Connolly is the only candidate who ran in the 2005 November General Election, finishing fifth.

In the **District** races, Councilors facing competition include:

District 3	Maureen E. Feeny
District 4	Charles C. Yancey
District 7	Chuck Turner

Councilor Jerry McDermott will not seek reelection to his District 9 seat.

Running **unopposed** are the remaining five District Councilors:

District 1	Salvatore LaMattina
District 2	Bill Linehan
District 5	Rob Consalvo
District 6	John M. Tobin, Jr.
District 8	Michael P. Ross

A strong turnout by the voters of Boston for this election is important since the City Council addresses issues that impact the quality of life in the city.

**Preliminary Election** - In the preliminary races, incumbent Councilor Chuck Turner won big as expected in the District 7 race, receiving 76% of the vote. First elected to the Council in 1999, Turner received 1,476 of the 1,944 votes cast. Runner-up Carlos Henriquez received 317 votes or 16% to take the second spot for the final election. Henriquez is a Roxbury resident active in local civic affairs.

With Councilor McDermott not running for reelection, Mark Ciommo led the six candidates in the District 9 race with 1,406 votes or 31% of the total vote. Greg Glennon was close behind with 1,250 votes or 28%. Ciommo is Executive Director of the Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior Center and Glennon serves as an Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County.