

City Council Elections

Only two District seats contested in September

This is an election year for the Boston City Council but most of the campaigning will be geared to the final election in November. That is because only the candidates for two District races will be on the ballot for the preliminary election on Tuesday, September 25. The final election that will decide the nine District Councilors and four At-Large Councilors will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Preliminary elections are held if more than two candidates are running for a District seat and more than eight are running for At-Large seats.

District – Only four of the nine District seats are contested this year. Two Districts, 7 and 9 have preliminary elections in September. Incumbent Chuck Turner has two challengers for the District 7 seat and six candidates are vying to fill the District 9 seat held by Councilor Jerry McDermott, who has announced he will not run for re-election. In November, City Council President Maureen Feeney faces opposition for the District 3 seat and Councilor Charles Yancey is opposed for the District 4 seat.

At-Large – Nine candidates are running for the four At-Large seats, which normally would require a preliminary election. However, to save the estimated expense of \$750,000 to eliminate one candidate in September, the City Council approved a special act to allow all nine candidates to be listed on the November ballot. This special act was approved by the Legislature on August 16th and signed by the Governor ten days later.

Districts Contested in 2007	
District	Communities Represented
3	Dorchester, Harbor Islands
4	Dorchester, Mattapan
7	Dorchester, Roxbury, South End, Fenway/Kenmore
9	Allston, Brighton

Voter registration deadline for the primary election was September 5th. Boston residents wanting to vote will need to register for the final election no later than October 17th.