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Phoenix endorsements for Boston City Council

YOON gets our nod.

The at-large city-council field is unusually deep this year, and nearly every candidate would be an asset to Boston. There are only four at-large jobs, however — and the Phoenix urges voters to give them to Sam Yoon, John Connolly, Patricia White, and Felix Arroyo.

Yoon is intelligent and thoughtful, and he has the experience to tackle some of Boston's most pressing issues immediately. At Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Yoon wrote his master's thesis on development in Roxbury's Dudley Square neighborhood; later, he worked as director of development at Chinatown's Asian Community Development Corporation. In addition, Yoon has strong progressive instincts, which seem to be informed by his identity as an evangelical Christian — proof, perhaps, that the combination of religion and politics need not be noxious. He would also be Boston's first Asian-American elected official. The city's growing Asian communities couldn't ask for a better standard-bearer.

