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CITY COUNCIL ENDORSEMENTS

THE SIX so-called Young Turks first elected to the Boston City Council between 1998 and 2002 are already starting to gray a little, politically speaking. But voters will have an opportunity on Nov. 8 to revitalize the council again...

Sam Yoon of Dorchester has captured attention as the city's first Asian-American to run for the council. If elected, the candidate might even serve as a bridge between white and other minority councilors, who often vote in blocs. But Yoon, 35, offers more than a new civic identity. As a housing specialist in Chinatown, he understands the intricacies of downtown commercial development and how it can be leveraged to subsidize inexpensive housing units in Boston. As the father of a public school student, Yoon knows the importance of maintaining steady educational progress. Yoon wants to focus on city-wide challenges, such as improving business districts near MBTA stations. The council would be stronger for his presence.