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The two candidates competing to win Boston's District 7 City Council seat in next month's election will address residents and field questions at a forum next week in Roxbury.

Incumbent candidate Tito Jackson and challenger Sheneal Parker will speak directly to voters on Tues., Oct. 18 at Hibernian Hall on Dudley Street from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The forum is being organized by the non-partisan RoxVOTE Coalition, a collaboration of local organizations and residents working to increase voter participation.

Voters selected those [two candidates](#) from a field of four during [a preliminary two weeks ago](#) in which Jackson captured 76 percent, and Parker received 11 percent, of the vote.

On Nov. 8, district voters will head to the polls again to choose between Jackson and Parker to determine which candidate will be elected to the two-year term council seat that represents Roxbury and parts of the Fenway, South End, and Dorchester. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on municipal Election Day.

In March, [Jackson](#) received 82 percent of votes in a special election to win the D7 seat held for more than a decade by Chuck Turner, who was removed from office after he was convicted of accepting a \$1,000 bribe and lying to federal agents.

At the forum, the candidates will discuss their positions on a range of community issues and attendees will be able to ask them questions directly, coalition officials said. Copies of completed candidates' questionnaires will also be distributed at the event.

To see questionnaires from Boston.com that each candidate has completed, [click here](#).

Co-sponsors of the RoxVOTE Coalition and next week's forum include: Boston Workers Alliance; Cornu Management Company, Inc.; Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative; Franklin Park Coalition; Historic Moreland Street Neighborhood Association; Madison Park Development Corporation; Maloney Properties; Massachusetts Senior Action Council; MassVOTE Civic Engagement Initiative; Mothers for Justice & Equality; NAACP: Boston Branch; National Black College Alliance's Greatest MINDS; Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation; Orchard Gardens Resident Association; Think Politics; Wards 4, 9,

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