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City Councilors from Boston, Baltimore wager on Pats-Ravens game

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Two city councilors representing identically numbered districts, one in Boston and the other in Baltimore, announced today that, like their respective mayors, they have placed a friendly bet on Sunday's AFC Championship football game between the Patriots and Ravens.

The Hub's District 7 City Councilor Tito Jackson and Baltimore's District 7 City Councilor Nick Mosby have agreed that the councilor representing the city of whichever team loses will post a photograph wearing the opposing team's jersey on their Facebook and Twitter threads, officials from Jackson's office said. The councilor representing the city of the winning team – which will advance to the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 – walks away with "bragging rights."

As the [Globe reported earlier today](#) when Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced his friendly wager with Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, such bets have typically been reserved for mayors and governors of opposing cities and states.

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And, such wagers are normally made for only the most-crucial of sports' contests – including, the Super Bowl, World Series, Stanley Cup and NBA finals.

But this year the good-natured gambling started early, when Boston's mayor challenged Denver's before the Patriots trampled the Broncos last weekend in the second-round of the NFL playoffs. This weekend's postseason football betting between rival cities' politicians will now not only include mayors, but also lower-levels of elected public office.

"This will be fun game to watch and I am hopeful that I can build a meaningful relationship with the Baltimore Councilman as we share similarly situated districts," Councilor Jackson, who represents Roxbury and parts of the Fenway, South End, and Dorchester, said in a statement today.

"Our goal here is to have a little fun as we enjoy the accomplishments our respective teams have made this year." Councilor Mosby added, according to a press release from Jackson's office.

The two councilors are scheduled to discuss their wager live on "The Michael Graham Show" on WTKK 96.9 Boston Talks from 6:05 to 6:15 p.m. on Friday.

Both elected officials will be Tweeting throughout the championship game set to begin Sunday at 3 p.m. They can be followed on Twitter at [@TitoJackson](#) and [@CouncilmanMosby](#). Jackson will Tweet his support the Pats by using the hashtag [#7DistrictChallenge](#).

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