

Candidates could shake up City Council



TRYING TO WOO VOTERS: Michelle Wu does some last-minute campaigning in Readville yesterday in her bid to win one of the four at-large City Council seats.

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A novice candidate who would be the first Asian woman elected city councilor in Boston history cleared the preliminary election hurdle last night, making it to the final ballot for an at-large seat in a frenzied race that features fresh and familiar faces.

“When I started, the odds were very different. It was a very different field,” said a triumphant Michelle Wu, last night, one of eight candidates to make the November ballot in a 19-candidate race. “My goal was to get out there and meet as many people as I could.”

Wu, a lawyer, former City Hall staffer and Elizabeth Warren campaign worker, will face seven rivals for one of the four at-large seats, including ex-city councilor and ex-mayoral hopeful Michael Flaherty and incumbent at-large Councilors Ayanna Pressley and Stephen J. Murphy.

Pressley had more votes than any candidate running for office yesterday

with a ticket-topping 42,875.

“It’s incredibly humbling,” she said. “For me, I’m humbled that they went into the booth and they checked my name, but it’s a mandate for my agenda. It’s an agenda that people have repeatedly questioned, now it’s the third time they’ve voted for it. It shows that as a city we care about women and girls, we care about reducing poverty and violence, and trauma of all types.”

On the district level, the race to fill the seat left vacant by failed mayoral hopeful Rob Consalvo will come down to Timothy P. McCarthy and Jean-Claude Sanon.

Losing mayoral candidate Michael P. Ross’ seat will be filled by either Josh Zakim or Michael J. Nichols.