

Boston Herald endorses Evandro Carvalho for state House of Representative.



Editorial: Fresh faces on Hill

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The people of the **5th Suffolk District** have gone without representation in the state House of Representatives since ex-Rep. Carlos Henriquez was marched off to jail. It's time for a fresh start — and a young lawyer named **c** is well-suited to provide it. The Herald is pleased to endorse his candidacy in the Democratic special election primary scheduled for April 1.

With no Republican in the race the winner is the de facto new rep, at least until January, and there are several strong Democrats in the race. But Carvalho brings an energy and passion and

unique life experience that reflects that of many of his would-be constituents.

He arrived in Boston at the age of 15 from Cape Verde without speaking English, and worked cleaning jobs while attending high school. After graduating from Madison Park High School his path headed in a promising direction that Carvalho insists is the birthright of every kid in the district. He won a scholarship to UMass, graduated from Howard University Law School and scored a job in the Washington office of a prestigious law firm. After a few years he shifted his goal to a career in public service. He worked as a prosecutor in the Suffolk district attorney's office and with this campaign is now hoping to serve on Beacon Hill.

We won't agree with Carvalho on some issues. He supports an increase in the minimum wage, for example, and we'd prefer that he show stronger support for lifting the charter school cap that has stymied so many families in his own district. But there is a smart, committed public servant inside this young man and he deserves the chance to serve.

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