

Carmen Amaral announces candidacy for Ward 3 New Bedford City Councilor

“Carmen Amaral announced on December 2, 2022 that she is running for New Bedford City Councilor of Ward 3. This ward includes parts of the city’s north and west ends. The preliminary for this special election is on January 24, 2023.

Amaral is an educator, non-profit leader, and longtime resident of New Bedford. She has had a twenty-year career in public schools as a classroom teacher and educational leader. Amaral also serves as a board member and officer within local organizations. Across leadership roles, Amaral has brought expertise in advocacy, policy creation, coalition building, and budget management.

After immigrating to the city from the Azores as a child, Amaral was educated within the New Bedford Public School system and earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Bridgewater State College in Biology and Chemistry and a Post Baccalaureate in Secondary Education. Later, Carmen earned Master’s of Art in Teaching from UMass Dartmouth and an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Bridgewater State University.



Amaral is running to build responsive constituent services, strengthen public infrastructure, and promote safety and wellness.

“As an immigrant who moved to this city at a young age, was educated in our schools, and utilized community assistance to thrive here, I understand the importance of accessible community leaders who know New Bedford and all it has to offer,” she stated.

Amaral understands the complexities of the ward and is able to draw on more than personal experience. “Because of my education and professional experience in schools and

nonprofits, I am confident in my ability to identify issues and work collaboratively with diverse groups to develop solutions.” She adds, “There is a lot of work to be done in Ward 3. I am excited to bring my passion for advocacy, critical knowledge, and leadership skills to the city council.”

Voters seeking more information about Amaral’s background and platform or how to get involved in her campaign can visit her website at carmenamaralnb.com. She can also be found on Facebook at “Carmen Amaral for Ward 3 City Councilor” and Instagram @carmenamaralnb. Ward 3 residents are also encouraged to contact her directly at carmenamaralnb@gmail.com.”