

The Chris Resendes Show – Episode #1 – Sheriff Hodgson

The Chris Resendes Show live with Sheriff Hodgson to discuss 9/11, DACA and more.

New Bedford Ward 1 City Council candidate claims signs being taken down

On his Facebook page, New Bedford Ward 1 City Council Candidate Dan Costa claims that his signs are being removed from at least one business in New Bedford.



Dan Costa New Bedford City Council Ward 1

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September 12 at 9:03pm · 🌟

Hi,

Over the last couple of weeks I've been busy moving my two children back to school. However, I have managed to find the time to knock on doors and meet many of you. I'd like to thank those of you that have taken the time to open your door and talk with me.

I'd like to bring up a subject that frankly is really beneath any discussion that should be taking place. Upon receiving my first shipment of signs I'd approached a couple of area businesses asking their permission to place my signs on their property. After getting their approval the signs were placed. This weekend two of those businesses received calls (in one case the person receiving the call stated that the caller was irate) from an unidentified person strongly insisting the signs be taken down. Both businesses immediately complied out of fear of action on the caller's part. One of those businesses later put my sign back up. Unbelievably, on Monday evening, between the hours of 5 – 7 PM my signs were taken down by someone yet to be identified. I want to stress to everyone that these signs were taken down by someone other than me or anyone associated with my campaign. It's not in my nature to point fingers or assign blame without being absolutely sure as to who would have done this. I only ask one thing, if you happen to know who removed my signs please ask them to put them back.

Respectfully,

Dan

The preliminary election is on Oct 3rd. Seven candidates are running for the vacant Ward 1 seat; Christopher Amaral, Melissa Costa, William Markey, Randy Santos, Mark Ventura, Daniel Costa and Steven Caton.

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Absentee ballots now available for New Bedford Preliminary Election

The City of New Bedford Preliminary Election will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, and the New Bedford Elections Commission has announced that absentee ballots for this election are now available through the Elections Office at New Bedford City Hall.

Any registered voter unable to get to the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot during regular office hours or may request that an absentee ballot application be mailed to their home address. Parents or family members can apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of their children attending out-of-city colleges and universities.

Absentee ballots may be requested up until 12 noon on Monday, October 2, 2017. In addition, to allow voters more time to cast an absentee ballot, the City of New Bedford Election Office will open on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

In the preliminary election on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, New Bedford voters may cast their vote for Mayor, and for Ward Councillor in Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 4 and Ward 5.

Any city resident who is uncertain about their voting status, designated polling location, has changed their address since the last election or wishes to request an absentee ballot, should contact the Board of Election Commissioners at (508) 979-1420.

New Bedford Guide's 'Meet the Candidates' live stream set for 20 Sept

On September 20th, New Bedford Guide will be hosting a live Q&A with each of the candidates running for office in the October 3rd preliminary elections.

Each candidate will be allowed 10 minutes on a live stream on New Bedford Guide's Facebook account. Five minutes will be given to each of the candidates as open time to tell residents why they should be elected and then 5 minutes to answer live questions.

Here is the schedule:

TIME	CANDIDATE	NOTES
5:00	Edwin Antonio Cartagena	Ward 2
5:15	Melissa Costa	Ward 1
5:30	David Sullivan	Ward 5
5:45	Randy Santos	Ward 1
6:00	Chris Amaral	Ward 1
6:15	Kate Towers	ward 5
6:30	Maria Giesta	Ward 2
6:45	Steven Caton	Ward 1
7:00	Charlie Perry	Mayor
7:15	Mitchell Garner	Mayor
7:30	Scott Lima	Ward 5
7:45	Carlos Pimentel Felix	Ward 2
8:00	Nelson Macedo	Ward 5
8:15	Dan Costa	Ward 1
8:30	Paul Chasse	Ward 5
8:45	Jo Jo Fortes	Ward 4

We have reached out to all the candidates. If you don't see one listed, it is because they haven't responded or the date doesn't fit into their schedule. We will make every effort to give them equal time on another date. Schedule is subject to change.

New Bedford City Council Ward 1 Candidate Forum set for Sep. 25

The Far North End Neighborhood Association under the leadership of President Robert Souza will be hosting a forum for the seven Ward 1 Candidates that will appear on the October 3rd Preliminary Election Ballot.

The forum will be held on Monday September 25, 2017 at Pulaski School.

Doors at the Pulaski School will open 6:00pm. The Candidate Forum will be held from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to make an opening statement followed by a series of questions that will be addressed to the candidates by the moderator.

Because of the number of candidates and the time constraints there will be no questions in this session from the audience. There will be an opportunity before and after the forum for residents to speak with the candidates individually.

The seven Ward 1 Candidates are: Christopher Amaral, Steven Caton, Daniel Costa, Melissa Costa, William Markey, Randall Santos and Mark Ventura.

Councillors Linda Morad and James Oliveira, both whom have served the residents of Ward 1 for many years will be assisting Bob Souza during the forum.

Ward 1 Councilor, Jim Oliveira commented, "This forum is increasingly important to meet the candidates, learn of their views on key issues both in the Ward and across the City. It is imperative such a forum be held due to the large number of candidates seeking to earn a final election slot in November."

"I am pleased to be involved in facilitating this forum which will give the residents of the north end an opportunity to hear from those seeking the Ward 1 position" said Councillor Morad.

Moving New Bedford mayor to a 4-year term to be voted on in November

The New Bedford Elections Office Head Manuel DeBrito confirmed to New Bedford Guide that the petitioners to bring the mayoral term in New Bedford from 2 years to 4 years has met the minimum 2,800 signatures required to show up as a ballot question on the November, 7, 2017. If passed, the 2019 election for New Bedford mayor would be a four year term.

The petitioners were President of Farland Corporation Christian Farland, President & CEO of the SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce Rick Kidder and John Markey.

Here is the wording on the petition:

I support placing the issue of whether the City should adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 43, Section 17C on the November 7, 2017 ballot. I understand that the question will determine whether or not a four year mayoral term should become the law beginning in 2019. I further understand that the specific question that will be placed the ballot shall be:

"Shall the term of office for the Mayor of the City of New Bedford be four years?"

Here is the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 43, Section 17C:

New Bedford Ward 2 City Council Debate set for Sep. 26 at 8pm

New Bedford Guide will host a live debate on our Facebook page on Sep. 26 starting at 8pm between the New Bedford Ward 2 City Council candidates hoping to replace current City Councilor Steven Martins who is not seeking re-election.

Edwin Cartagena, Carlos Pimentel Felix and Maria Giesta have agreed to attend. There will be no audience as this will be aired live on Facebook. People can ask questions during the hour and the moderator will ask the candidates as many as possible.

The preliminary election will be held on October 3rd and the top two vote getters move on to the November 7th final election.

Ward 2 is an important race as it contains much of Acushnet Ave, North Front Street and Ashley BLVD – all considered high crime areas in New Bedford. Ward 2 is also where the Day of Portugal and New Bedford Feast of the Blessed Sacrament is held.

We created a Facebook event **here**.

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Ward 2 map

Ward-2 New Bedford Map

New Bedford Mayor Mitchell discusses the impact of removing DACA

During our interview, I asked Mayor Mitchell about what President Trump's plan to cancel DACA meant for New Bedford.

Live with New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell

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New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell discusses the

problem property ordinance

During our interview last week, I talked about the problem property ordinance with Mayor Mitchell. What improvements would you make to it?