

New Bedford City Council Agenda – February 13th, 2014



CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014

OPENING OF SESSION BY: CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH P. LOPES

PRAYER LED BY: REVEREND JASON B. LUCAS, GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION

1. RESOLUTION, Councillors Gomes, Carney and Rebeiro, in Honor and Celebration of BLACK HISTORY MONTH – FEBRUARY – 2014.

MAYOR'S PAPERS

M1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$75,000.00 from OVERLAY RESERVE, to GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED, CHARGES & SERVICES.

M1a. AN ORDER,

M2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$25,000.00 from CFO, SALARIES & WAGES, to CFO, CHARGES & SERVICES.

M2a. AN ORDER,

M3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$20,861.00 from POLICE, CHARGES & SERVICES, to POLICE, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.

M3a. AN ORDER,

M4. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$4,400.00 from CITY COUNCIL, SALARIES & WAGES, to CITY COUNCIL, CAPITAL OUTLAY.

M4a. AN ORDER,

M5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$1,500.00 from RECREATION AND PARKS, OTHER CHARGES, to RECREATION AND PARKS, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.

M5a. AN ORDER,

M6. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$300.00 from RECREATION AND PARKS, OTHER CHARGES, to RECREATION AND PARKS, CHARGES & SERVICES.

M6a. AN ORDER,

M7. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Release of Easement with the First Church of the Nazarene, on behalf of the City of New Bedford and also enclosed a second ORDER to accept an Easement from the First Church of the Nazarene, the purpose of the Release of Easement and Easement is to relocate the existing drainage easement due to the church's new school.

M7a. AN ORDER, Release of Easement

M7b. AN ORDER, Easement

M8. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of CARLOS AMADO, New Bedford, MA as ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT to the Board of Assessors.

M9. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JASON OLIVEIRA, New Bedford, MA 02740, to the AIRPORT COMMISSION; replacing Peter Kortright who has resigned; this term will expire December 2016.

M10. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of MATT CAMARA, New Bedford, MA 02745, to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, replacing Robert G. Morris whose term has expired; this term will expire June 2015.

M11. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of IRMA PEREZ, New Bedford, MA 02746, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, replacing Ine Ogagan whose term has expired; this term will expire April 2016.

M12. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ROBERT J. SCHILLING, New Bedford, MA 02740, to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, replacing Jennifer Smith who has resigned; this term will expire December 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

2. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, Councillors Martins, Bousquet, Winterson, Rebeiro, Morad, Gomes, Coelho and Carney, requesting that Mr. Joseph Mulvey, Real Estate Specialist with the United States Postal Service, meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, to discuss the future of the Downtown New Bedford Post Office.

2a. COMMUNICATION, Mr. Joseph Mulvey, Real Estate Specialist

to the United States Post Office, to and from Mayor Mitchell, regarding the future of the Downtown New Bedford Post Office. (Copy all Councillors via email 02/04/14 and to be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.)

3. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Coelho, Alves, Gomes, Carney and Martins, requesting, that a representative of the Gang Unit appear before a Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meeting to brief Committee members on the status of gang activity in the City, given the recent shooting of a New Bedford Police Officer, the location of the shooting has seen a recent increase in gang related graffiti; and further, to discuss the increasing number of criminals that are relocating to New Bedford, the reasons for that and the risk they pose to the City. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.)

4. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, at the request of the Trustees of the Bethel AME Church and on behalf of our Pastor, Reverend Irma Thibodeaux, officers and members of this historic Church, that the City Council look into what action or assistance the City can provide to ensure the Church is not forced to close, and that the Council follow up on many of the promises that have been made to the Church Trustees and Pastor by former Administrations for assistance; and further, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings invite Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner, Ronald Labelle, Tax Title Attorney Blair Bailey, as well as representatives of Bethel AME Church to discuss the matter.

4a. COMMUNICATION/EMAIL, Councillor Alves, submitting, request from Toni Pires, Trustee, Bethel AME Church, requesting assistance with issues and concerns at Church.

5. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the City enforce ticketing for those individuals that throw snow back into the City streets that have already been plowed and cleared; and further, that an aggressive role in notifying

residents of the City's position on said matter be taken, this notification should include information on parking bans, ticketing for violators of parking bans and under what conditions would a parking ban be lifted. (To be Referred to the Mayor, the Police Chief and Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Labelle.)

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Mayor and Police Chief increase the Police patrols in the area of Serenity Gardens on Bedford and Sixth Streets, due to the criminal activity and inappropriate actions occurring within the neighborhood; and further, that the Narcotics Division take a look at this area for drug dealing, along with the Gang Unit for criminal activity.

7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that Carl Cruz and the Library Board of Trustees take immediate action to set a date for the unveiling of former Ward Four Councillor Mary Barros portrait at the Main Library. (To be Referred to the Library Board of Trustees.)

8. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes and Councillor Gomes, requesting that Mayor Mitchell provide this body with copies of the appeal that the City of New Bedford filed with the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) as it relates to proposed modified Flood Hazard Determinations (FHDs) affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report for the City of New Bedford.

9. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Winterson, on behalf of complaints from property owners, requesting that the Commissioner of the Department of Public Infrastructure Ronald Labelle, notify this Councillor if the City has any plans for the rerouting of sewer pipes that are currently going through private property and causing damage when the pipe cracks, burst or gets clogged; and further, requesting that the City Council send a letter to our State Delegation asking if there

is any State or Federal monies for the rerouting of sewer pipes from private property to City-owned property or streets.

10. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with representatives of Community Choice Aggregation to discuss implementing a municipal aggregation program in the City of New Bedford similar to the program being considered by the City of Brockton; and further, that members of the Brockton City Council be invited to share their input and outline the beneficial opportunity for our residents and businesses in the City. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.)

11. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, requesting that the necessary departments across the City have the ice at Victory Pond prepared for winter sports including skating and ice hockey. (To be Referred to Mayor Mitchell, DPI Commissioner Labelle and Park, Recreation and Beaches Director Mary Rapoza.)

12. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that The Massachusetts Department of Transportation take immediate action to inspect and make repairs to the Downtown Route 18 Exit off 195 West, this exit has significant damage to the right side of the curbing and foundation, this exit has been damaged in several places exposing cracks and damage done to the concrete; and further, requesting that this exit be cleaned and resurfaced due to the conditions which ultimately may cause serious structural damage to this exit; and further, that Route 18 Exit Off 195 East be inspected for the similar structural damage; and that the City Council send a letter to State Representative Christopher Markey and Senator Mark Montigny requesting their assistance in getting this work done as soon as possible, as these exit ramps are the first impression that visitors see coming into the City.

13. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Martins, requesting,

that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meet with any teachers from New Bedford High School, or the three Middle Schools in the City for the purposes of discussing exactly what is going on in our schools, exactly how significant is the disruptive behavior and violence against students and teachers; and further, that the Committee also set up a meeting with the students for the purposes of getting their input on exactly what is their perspective on what is going on in our schools; and further, that Lou St. John, President, New Bedford Educator's Association, also be invited to attend said meeting; and further, that these meetings be held in Executive Session for the purposes of protecting teachers and students who feel that they want to come forth and be heard on the issue, and to protect them from retaliation for their comments or statements made on the issue of disruptive behavior and violence in our schools or any other issues that may pertain to the safety of the children and teachers in the City of New Bedford Public School system.

14. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Bousquet and Martins, requesting, an increased Police presence in Wards Two and Three, these are densely populated and impoverished areas of the City; and further, asking that directed patrols take place around the Acushnet Avenue business corridor as well as North Front Street, Davis Street, Belleville Avenue and Taber Mills Neighborhood, as it has been brought to our attention at Neighborhood Meetings that violence and petty theft have been on the rise in these areas.

15. COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 2161 ACUSHNET AVENUE, CIRCA 1890 TWO-STORY WOOD FRAMED STRUCTURE – advising that “the structure is not located in a National Register Historic District, the structure is of no notable historic significance, either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure, therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 2161 Acushnet Avenue is NOT a historically

significant building or structure and not preferably preserved”.

16. COMMUNICATION, City Engineer David J. Fredette, to City Council, submitting REQUEST TO TAKE LAND, for the LAYOUT ALTERATION OF A PORTION OF TARKILN PLACE AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS for easement or fee for highway purposes in land belonging to Triple Horn, LLC, in accordance with City Code, Section 22-35.

16a. COMMUNICATION, City Engineer David J. Fredette, to City Council, submitting METES AND BOUNDS for the LAYOUT ALTERATION OF A PORTION OF TARKILN PLACE AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS (Map Included.)

16b. AN ORDER, for Hearing on THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, for the LAYOUT ALTERATION OF A PORTION OF TARKILN PLACE AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS.

16c. AN ORDER, requesting the City Solicitor to prepare AN ORDER for the LAYOUT ALTERATION of a PORTION OF TARKILN PLACE AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS.(Hearing on said matter has been ordered for Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City Hall.)

17. COMMUNICATION, City Clerk Arruda, submitting copy of letter to Mayor Mitchell, from Luis Rodriguez, P.E. Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), relative to the proposed modified hazard determinations (FHDs) affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for the City of New Bedford. (Copy all Councillors 01/31/2014.)

18. COMMUNICATION, Korrin Petersen, Esq., Senior Attorney, Buzzards Bay Coalition, to John T. Hoey, Assistant Chancellor for Public Affairs, UMass Dartmouth, regarding Status of Apponagansett Bay Nutrient Threshold Technical Report and Final Payment for Slocum River Report. (Copy all Councillors

02/03/14.)

TABLED BUSINESS

01/23/2014 CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring REVEREND RUSS CHAMBERLAIN, Mercy Meals and More, in recognition of his hard work and dedication to the homeless during the recent snow storm of January 2 and 3, 2014.

Upcoming Democratic Caucuses in the Southcoast



By Alex Weiner

With Governor Deval Patrick stepping down at the end of this year, Massachusetts is going to have to elect its next Governor in November. The electoral process can be complicated so here is a quick rundown of what to expect and how to participate in the process.

So, who is running?

There is currently a 5-way race to be the Democratic candidate for Governor between state Attorney General Martha Coakley, state Treasurer Steve Grossman, former Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Administrator Don Berwick, former national security advisor Juliette Kayyem and surgeon and former Wellesley selectman Joe Avellone. On the Republican side, Charlie Baker is the current front-runner and is being challenged by Tea Party member Mark Fisher of Shrewsbury.

For more information on the individual candidates and the issues you care about, we've made each of their names a [hyperlink](#).

There are a number of hurdles for a candidate running for Governor. The first hurdle for the Democratic candidates in this election is the Democratic caucus.

What are the Democratic caucuses?

In short, caucuses are the first step for Democrats to choose their desired candidates at a local level.

Throughout the month of February, citizens across Massachusetts who are registered Democrats will come together to elect delegates from their town who will then go on to attend the 2014 Massachusetts Democratic Convention in Worcester on June 13-14.

As [noted](#) by reporter Robert Rizzuto, "In accordance with party rules, the delegates selected to represent each town or ward within a city will attend the convention to pledge their support for various candidates for statewide office, including choosing one of the state's five Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls. A candidate must have support from at least 15 percent of the delegates in attendance to qualify to appear on the ballot as a Democrat in the state's Sept. 9 primary

election.”

When and where are the caucuses?

Here are the dates, times and locations for the caucuses in the Southcoast:

New Bedford: Saturday 2/15 at 9:30AM at Our Lady of the Angels Band Club on 1446 Acushnet Ave.

Dartmouth: Saturday 2/8 at 2PM at the Southworth Library.

Fairhaven: Saturday 2/22 at 10AM at the Millicent Library.

Westport: Saturday 2/15 at 10AM at White's of Westport.

Can't find your caucus? Click here: <http://massdems.org/2013/12/04/find-your-2014-caucus/>

Can I participate in the caucuses?

If you're a registered Democrat, you can participate in this process. If you support a candidate, show up early to your town or city caucus, bring a lot of friends and family to support you and run to be a delegate. All you have to do is stand up, say who you support and explain why you support them. Any registered Democrat is eligible to be nominated as a delegate. The candidates with the most number of votes will be elected and will go on to Worcester where they will vote on their candidate for Governor at the Democratic State Convention in June.

2013 New Bedford Election Results

Here are the results for the November 5th, 2013 New Bedford elections. Voter turn out was 10,145 of 54,353 registered voters, or 18.67%.

MAYOR FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

JON MITCHELL	7,575	96.26
WRITE-IN.	294	3.74

ASSESSOR FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

PETER E. BERTHIAUME	7,143	98.56
WRITE-IN.	104	1.44

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNEXPIRED TERM - TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

BRUCE J. OLIVEIRA.	6,501	98.46
WRITE-IN.	102	1.54

New Bedford City Council At-Large Results

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 5

DAVID ALVES.	3,923	10.82
DEBORA COELHO	4,017	11.08
BRIAN K. GOMES.	4,770	13.16
JOHN THOMAS SAUNDERS.	3,684	10.16
IAN ABREU	3,539	9.76
NAOMI R. A. CARNEY	3,892	10.74
LEO E. CHOQUETTE	2,032	5.60
LINDA M. MORAD.	6,327	17.45
ELIZABETH S. WATKINS.	2,274	6.27
PETE WILDE	1,708	4.71
WRITE-IN.	37	.10
WRITE-IN.	20	.06
WRITE-IN.	16	.04
WRITE-IN.	11	.03
WRITE-IN.	5	.01

New Bedford City Council – Ward 1 – 3 (all uncontested races)

COUNCILLOR WARD ONE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

JAMES D. OLIVEIRA.	1,736	98.58
WRITE-IN.	25	1.42

COUNCILLOR WARD TWO FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

STEVEN MARTINS.	789	99.00
WRITE-IN.	8	1.00

COUNCILLOR WARD THREE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

HENRY G. BOUSQUET.	960	98.56
WRITE-IN.	14	1.44

New Bedford City Council – Ward 4

COUNCILLOR WARD FOUR FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

BRUCE DUARTE, JR..	583	42.19
DANA L. REBEIRO	793	57.38
WRITE-IN.	6	.43

New Bedford City Council – Ward 5

COUNCILLOR WARD FIVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

JANICE "JAN" BAPTIST.	1,136	48.99
KERRY M. WINTERSON	1,172	50.54
WRITE-IN.	11	.47

New Bedford City Council – Ward 6

COUNCILLOR WARD SIX FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1

JOSEPH P. LOPES	1,117	84.94
IAN MARCUS SAUNDERS	194	14.75
WRITE-IN.	4	.30

New Bedford School Committee

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3

LAWRENCE JOHN FINNERTY	4,489	19.31
JOAQUIM "JACK" NOBREGA	3,921	16.87
JOSHUA AMARAL	4,472	19.24
CHRISTOPHER A. COTTER	3,514	15.12
MARIA H. MOJICA-MOSQUEA.	3,687	15.86
BRIAN PASTORI	3,107	13.37
WRITE-IN.	33	.14
WRITE-IN.	13	.06
WRITE-IN.	11	.05

At-Large City Council Candidate: Naomi Carney



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you should vote for them in the New Bedford elections scheduled for November 5th, 2013. This is Linda Morad's submission. Other candidates can send their article to info@newbedfordguide.com. Info on the candidates and other New Bedford election information: <http://www.newbedfordguide.com/2013-new-bedford-elections>.

My name is Naomi Carney and I am asking for your vote on Tuesday November 5. I am running for the office of Councilor-at-Large and would be honored to serve the great residents of New Bedford. I am the daughter of Joe and Edith Andrews and the mother of Sean and Sydnee Carney. I am of American Indian and Cape Verdean Heritage, two great cultures that I am extremely proud of. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from UMASS and have been employed by the Bristol County Sheriffs Office 9 years.

It was my honor to serve on the city council 10 years ago and I have run for re-election every election since. I vow to be YOUR voice in government. I am a single parent, homeowner, taxpayer, and daughter to elderly parents so I am well aware of the struggles today's families face on a day to day basis. I represent every demographic here in our great city.

It is my wish to restore our schools to their former glory. By working closely with the mayor and the school committee I believe we can accomplish this. Our children deserve better than what they have been given as of late. They deserve the teachers and the technology to succeed. Also, our seniors have paid their dues and senior centers should not always be the first to sustain budget cuts. I want to work hard for you, to bring economic development and growth to our wonderful city while promoting fiscal responsibility. I will work to make our streets safe again and to form great neighborhoods.

I have experience as a city councilor and am willing to work with the mayor and the rest of city council to form a

cohesive, productive city council. I pledge to be YOUR voice in government, to listen to and to treat all people of our city fairly. I am a leader and will lead our city into the future with it's best foot forward.

I humbly ask for your vote, tomorrow, November 5 in the New Bedford election. I would be honored to gain your support and your faith and I will work every single day to continue to earn it. Please let me represent you in your city.

Voting Tips for the 2013 New Bedford Municipal Elections



Tomorrow, November 5th, 2013, New Bedford residents will decide the make up of the city council and school committee. NewBedfordGuide.com does not endorse candidates, or try to sway opinions. We try to inform voters and let them make their own decisions. Here are four tips (or answers to important questions) that all New Bedford residents should know so you can cast your ballot smoothly and ensure you are informed on the three ballot questions.

1. Get Informed! Our **2013 New Bedford Election Page** provides a list of candidates and links to their Facebook and/or website.

2. Voting Hours. New Bedford residents can cast their ballot between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Expect the heaviest turnout after 5 p.m. as people get out of work and head to the voting booths. If possible, vote early so you can get in and out quickly!

3. Where do I vote? New Bedford has six voting districts and each district has several voting locations. A full list can be seen [here](#). The best way to find your voting location is to use the [state's official database](#): <http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.aspx>. Simply fill out the form with your address and it will generate your voting location's address.

4. Where do I get official New Bedford election information? Residents should check the official New Bedford Election Commission website: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/Elections/electionmain.html>. If you want to get your questions answered in person you can visit the Election Commission Office at the New Bedford City Hall on 133 William Street. They are located in room 114.

"Should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights." – Thomas Jefferson

**At-Large City Council
Candidate: Linda Morad**



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My name is Linda Morad, and I am a candidate for Councillor at Large. First, I'd like to thank the residents of our proud and historic city for casting their votes for me in the primary election. The results of that election were truly overwhelming and humbling. In casting your vote, you confirmed that leadership and experience matter when it comes to the person you elect to represent you on the New Bedford City Council.

I humbly ask for your support in the general election on Tuesday, November 5. I had the honor of representing the residents and businesses of the City's North End when I served as the Ward 1 City Councillor before relinquishing my position to seek the office of Mayor. Since leaving the Council, I have remained active in the City, supporting charitable and community organizations. However, I have truly missed my public service role, which enabled me to assist the residents of our City with their issues and concerns, and that is why I am once again seeking to serve on the New Bedford City Council as Councillor at Large—a role that serves all the residents of the City as your voice in your City government.

My previous experience and record of service have demonstrated that I will represent you as a dedicated and experienced public servant. For 25 years, I have worked in the financial services industry for various banking institutions. My professional career has given me the knowledge and experience to understand complex financial and other controversial issues, and make the best decision. I pledge to listen and consider to the people of our City, and to work as a problem solver to find the best solutions for the betterment of New Bedford.

I will use my position to support the creation of more job opportunities, to strengthen the public safety of our neighborhoods, and to work to improve the effectiveness of our public schools. I believe that you agree that leadership and experience matter when it comes to your City Councillor, and that is why I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 5.

I want to make New Bedford the best it can be, for your family and for mine, a City we are proud to continue to call home. If you agree with me, then it would be my honor and my privilege to serve as your Councillor at Large.

At-Large City Council Candidate: Ian Abreu

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Dear New Bedford resident and friend,

My name is Ian Abreu, and I am a candidate for Councillor At-Large here in the city of New Bedford. I am a lifelong resident of this beautiful city.

I am a proud, lifelong resident of the south end of New Bedford, where I was raised by mother, Attorney Kellie Martin. I am a direct product of the New Bedford Public School System, having graduated from New Bedford High School in 2004. After graduating from New Bedford High School, I went on to attend Bridgewater State University where I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Studies. Some of you may know me from the many community service initiatives I've taken part in throughout most of my adult-life, having recently served as an Executive Officer (treasurer) for the 98th Annual Feast of the

Blessed Sacrament in New Bedford. I am also a very active member of the Prince Henry Society's New Bedford Chapter, an organization which awarded \$35,000 in local scholarships last year alone. I also currently serve on the Board of Directors for The Samaritans of New Bedford-Fall River.

My wife Samantha and I are proud homeowners here in New Bedford, living in the south end of the city.

I am currently an Employer Specialist with the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce. I oversee all Chamber-related workforce development and educational initiatives throughout the Greater New Bedford community. I also serve as the Chamber's Membership Relations Director, having most recently facilitated a very successful Membership Campaign in which the organization brought in over 100 new members. Prior to my current post at the Chamber, I had the privilege of serving as a Re-entry Case Manager for Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson for over two years.

I feel that with my background in constituent/community service, economic development, job and work readiness and education, I am uniquely positioned to tackle very critical issues which are facing our city today.

Anyone who knows me knows that I truly love this city. I am raising my family here and I am proud to call New Bedford my home. For me, running for Councillor At-Large is personal and I will treat every day on this council as both a privilege and honor. Making sure New Bedford is a good place to live in, raise a family in, be educated in and do business in will always be my top priorities while on the council.

We deserve better.

My name is Ian Abreu, Candidate for Councillor At-Large, and I am humbly asking for 1 of your 5 votes on Tuesday, November 5th.

Thank you, and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Ian Abreu

**Candidate For Ward 5 City
Council: Kerry Winterson**



Hello, my name is Kerry Winterson. I am a Ward 5 City Council Candidate. I have been a lifelong resident of Ward 5. I have been employed for 29 years as a Heavy Equipment Bridge Operator at the New Bedford Bridge. I have been a Chief Steward for Bridges throughout the state of Massachusetts for many years as a negotiator, arbitrator and mainly as a liaison between unions and management. I will bring these attributes to the City Council as a Councilor.

Our City needs essential services such as good schools, safety, fire, police, emergency personnel and taxpayer

services. To solve our city's problems, we must have people who will communicate in a civil way and agree to compromise to move the city forward.

When dealing with issues as a City Councilor, I will apply the following strategy in regards to my decision making: Problem; Key Facts; Alternative Strategies; Best Strategy; Feasibility. The best strategy must be feasible in order to be implemented. If it's not the right decision then we need to go back and look at alternative strategies until we find a result that works.

What I feel the city needs at this point is civility, transparency and accountability. This position is a legislative one as well as a constituent position. Every taxpayer of New Bedford should be represented and I am the person who will do so in a dutiful and considerate manner. I am truly a New Bedford Advocate so vote for me, Kerry Winterson, November 5th.

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Op-Ed: District Attorney Sutter addresses his decision not to run for Massachusetts

Attorney General



Sutter addresses his decision to run for re-election

It is amazing to me that one month after Martha Coakley announced she was going to run for Governor, and not for a third term as Attorney General, no one has officially entered the race to become the next Attorney General of the Commonwealth—no district attorney, state legislator, mayor, or practicing lawyer. The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer in Massachusetts and has responsibilities that extend from public safety to health care regulation, economic development and environmental protection. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Attorney General oversees a staff of 515 employees with offices in four different locations across the Commonwealth. I have said many times that, as much as I love the opportunity to serve as District Attorney of the county where I live, I hope to someday have the chance to serve the public in another elected position, so that I can make a contribution in other areas in addition to public safety. The position of Attorney General would give me just

that opportunity. But I have decided to pass on this opportunity. I will not run for Attorney General next year. I will run for re-election as District Attorney. The reason is timing.

The more I thought about this decision over the past thirty days, the clearer it was to me that this is not the right time for me to be leaving the District Attorney's Office. To begin with, we have just started the most highly publicized case since I started as District Attorney, a case that will likely define my administration. I have overseen the investigation from day one and intend to be part of the trial team, along with Bill McCauley and Pat Bomberg. Clearly I should not be leaving this responsibility at the outset of the case. In addition, there are other new initiatives at the District Attorney's Office that I fervently believe in and want to see through to fruition. These initiatives have the potential to make major advances in critical areas such as gun violence, domestic violence and child abuse prevention and may eventually become state-wide models.

It is also not the right time for my family for me to make a state-wide run. Running for Attorney General would necessitate campaigning most nights after work and every weekend for the next year. And the distances I would have to travel are much greater than those involved in my races for District Attorney or Congress. From my home in Fall River to Pittsfield, for example, is five and a half hours round-trip; to Springfield, back and forth it is four hours; to Gloucester almost four hours. I have given a lot of thought over the last month to what my family needs from me right now and I have concluded firmly that I could not meet those needs while conducting a yearlong state-wide campaign.

So I will pass on this opportunity to run for another elective office. I do so with the hope that when I believe my work as District Attorney is complete, there will be another opportunity for public service on the horizon. In the

meantime, I look forward to the great challenges ahead at the District Attorney's Office and to earning your support in my campaign for re-election next year.

2013 New Bedford Debates Scheduled for October 29th and 30th



There will be two debates scheduled hosted by WBSM at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on October 29th and 30th. The debates are for the Municipal Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th, 2013. The public is invited to attend the debates.

Tuesday, October 29:

New Bedford School Committee Candidates, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater.

Wednesday, October 30:

New Bedford City Council for At-Large Candidates, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater.
