

New Bedford Ward 3 Councilor Shawn Oliver releases statement

Shawn Oliver New Bedford Ward 3 City Councilor has released the following statement:

“As an Elected Official, my position is to work alongside the members of our Community, different Groups, and Leaders to gain a better understanding of the issues facing us all. When I began my candidacy I made it clear I was not a politician, just a guy who truly wanted better for New Bedford. My goal has been to bring people together and stop the division while fostering a sense of pride and community that has faded within our City.

A few years ago I carelessly and thoughtlessly shared some insensitive memes that have taken away from that message. I never intended for these to be used in a manner that would further fuel this divide. The LGBTQ+ Community continues to struggle with discrimination while facing abuse and fear for themselves and their rights. Although this was never my intention I do see that my actions caused harm and for that, I apologize. No one should ever feel illegitimate, afraid, or unheard. As your City Councilor, I will represent all residents without prejudice.

A true lesson I hope we can all learn is that although people may post, share and quote different things we must always remember that words have meaning and that the message of fear or hurt may spread while having no intention of ever doing so. There's a human in all of us and we all need to work together toward bridging the gap on different topics to bring back the sense of Community and Belonging we all deserve.

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Shawn Oliver Facebook photo.