

City Councillor Kerry Winterson running for Mayor of New Bedford

In last night's New Bedford City Council session, Ward 5 Councilor Kerry Winterson announced that he will be running for mayor of New Bedford this year. He cited crime and too much focus on the downtown area by Mayor Mitchell as his main reasons for running for mayor. In February Winterson announced that he would not seek re-election for Ward 5 due to his wife's health and personal reasons.

The New Bedford municipal elections cycle begins in October and current New Bedford mayor Jon Mitchell hasn't pulled nomination papers. At least **five other people have pulled nomination papers to run for mayor** to include New Bedford police officer Charlie Perry.