

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
