

Lifelong New Bedford resident Bob Bromley announces candidacy for Ward 3 City Council seat

Longtime public servant, Veterans Advisory Board chairman and government fiscal analyst pledges a "Back to Basics" focus on constituent services.

"Lifelong city resident Bob Bromley is running for the Ward 3 City Council seat in the upcoming special election to focus on constituent services and the concerns of residents of the ward.

"I am honored and excited to announce my candidacy. I have lived in Ward 3 virtually my entire life and want residents to have a voice. I will be a strong advocate and voice for the residents of Ward 3," said Bromley, a longtime public servant, chairman of the City's Veterans Advisory Board, and fiscal analyst for the State of Rhode Island.

Bromley is running chiefly because of the need for improved constituent services, which he will deliver for the residents of Ward 3.



Robert Bromley photo.

"He decided to run because he saw a need for improved constituent services. "The primary job of a ward councilor is to serve the residents of the ward, and that focus is sometimes lost," he said. "We need to get back to basics. Fixing street lights, filling in potholes, and responding to the needs of residents might not be glamorous, but they directly impact quality of life. If I am elected, residents can be assured their concerns will be heard and addressed by a responsive, action-oriented councillor.

Bromley has lived in New Bedford his entire life. He graduated from New Bedford High School and Roger Williams University.

Bromley has worked as a Senior Fiscal Analyst for the State of

Rhode Island Senate for 30 years.

He previously served as the finance manager for the City of New Bedford Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development for six years. In that role, he oversaw programs that provided funding to renovate housing in the city through federal, state and local finance sources.

Before that, Bromley served for four years as administrative aide to former State Rep. Robert M. Koczera.

"My career has provided me with experience in government finance and community outreach," he said. "These positions have taught me the importance of careful budgeting of City resources and the importance of listening and responding to constituents. I pledge to the taxpayers of Ward 3 that their best interests will guide my decision making, and that I will work to ensure efficient and effective budgeting by the City."

Bromley, whose parents both served in the military, has been a lifelong supporter of veterans causes. He was a founder of the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum, which highlights the experiences and achievements of area veterans. He also serves as the chair of the City of New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board. This board provides advice and guidance on City veterans' issues and organizes the annual Memorial and Veterans Day parades. He also serves on the board of directors for the Friends of Buttonwood Park.

He is the widower of the late Karen McAfee-Bromley, lifelong city resident and the former head zookeeper at Buttonwood Park Zoo, and whose late father, William McAfee, was a long-time captain in the New Bedford Fire Department.

Bromley is the father of Hannah Bromley, 21, a graduate of New Bedford High School.

He said it would be a privilege to serve the city as ward councillor.

"I have always lived in New Bedford because I appreciate the city and its people," he said. "Residents work hard and deserve a councillor who will work hard on their behalf and advocate for them at City Hall."