

# **PACE seeking candidates for election to the Board of Directors**

PACE is seeking candidates for the PACE Board of Directors. Candidates will be elected to serve as Low Income representatives through a new election process during the month of March. Candidates must be residents of the City of New Bedford, be at least 18 years old and submit a candidate profile before February 16, 2018. The election of candidates to the PACE Board will occur during the month of March as PACE clients and other low income City residents will be voting at the Main Office of PACE at 166 William Street during regular business hours. Any low income resident of New Bedford is eligible to vote in this new election process and may request a ballot any time during regular business hours during the month of March. Proof of low income status is required for low income voters who are not clients of a PACE program. Low Income Board representatives are eligible for a \$25 stipend for each Board meeting attended to cover transportation and child care costs.

**Candidate Profile forms can be obtained at the Main Office of PACE, at 166 William Street during regular business hours.** Proof of residency of New Bedford is required. Completed Candidate Profiles must be received by the PACE Election Committee, located at 166 William Street, New Bedford by 4 PM on Wednesday, February 16, 2018. All qualified candidates for election will be placed on a ballot with their Candidate Profile. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve on the PACE Board.

People Acting In Community Endeavors Inc., (PACE) The Community Action Agency for the Greater New Bedford Area, is entering its thirty sixth year of service to the community.

The Agency serves the towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester as well as the city of New Bedford.

PACE, as it is known today, was incorporated on May 2, 1982, as a private

Not For Profit Organization. The community selected the Board of Directors, with the mission of establishing an organization that would advocate for low-income people and aggressively seek out funding to reduce the problems that the low-income population in New Bedford. The Board oversees the work of the Agency and charts its course for the future.

PACE offers FREE services to the community through its Programs including:

- Housing Search for the homeless or tenancy issues.
- Fuel Assistance for payment assistance associated with home heating bills
- Emergency Food Bank
- Head Start for income eligible families for early care educational instruction
- Child Care Works for educational development and Child Care Services
- The Family Center for parent and family support services
- Youth Build for “at risk youth” focusing on educational and community service
- Health Access Services for the uninsured
- Tax Assistance Program through VITA
- The Clemente Course in the Humanities
- Grassroots support for other community organizations

PACE Community Housing Corp., which was created for smaller housing development projects and home ownership opportunities for low-income people

PACE employs a staff of 175 in addition to over 100 volunteers, and serves more than 40,000 clients who seek PACE

services yearly with an annual budget in excess of \$65,000,000.00.!

According to Bruce Morell, PACE Executive Director; "The Board of Directors has developed a new process to elect representatives of the low income population to serve on our Board of Directors. Board members with direct contact to the people we serve, or who are recipients of a PACE service themselves, are valuable in providing direction and feedback about the services we provide in the community. This election process should be very exciting as we expect that there will be many low income individuals voting for their own representatives to the Board. PACE Board Members serve their community and the Agency with pride and distinction with a real commitment to the clients who put their trust in the Organization to assist them with their needs. We are very proud of our Board of Directors".

Elections will be held month long in March 2018 at the PACE Main Office at 166 William Street, New Bedford during regular business hours.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL PACE; 508-999-9920**