

Six hope to replace Dana Rebeiro as New Bedford Ward 4 City Councilor

True to her word, Dana Rebeiro did not seek re-election in 2019 – putting a self-imposed, three-term term-limit on her New Bedford Ward 4 City Council seat. Six residents hope to fill the vacancy and turned in nomination papers by the 5 pm deadline on Thursday.

Sean Carney and Dennis Houtman turned in nomination papers and filed officially. Derek Baptiste, Nair (Naia) Barros, Joseph “Jo-Jo” Fortes, and Kenneth Gibert turned in nomination papers but have not filed officially – they have until August 30th to do so.

Residents Jonathan Correia and Bruno Friere pulled nomination papers but did not return them.

At least three candidates are needed for a preliminary election on October 1. Candidates still have until September 3rd to withdraw their nomination, so the preliminary election is likely, but not certain. The top two vote-getters in the preliminary election will move on to the November 5 municipal election.