

# Three qualify to replace Steven Martins in New Bedford Ward 2 City Council race

Three candidates have turned in enough signatures before the August 15th deadline in the New Bedford's Ward 2 City Council race. Long time Ward 2 City Councilor Steven Martins is vacating the city council seat to run against Martin "Marty" Treadup for Assessor.

Carlos Pimentel Felix and Edwin Cartagena have turned in at least 50 qualified signatures and filed officially with the New Bedford elections office. 2015 mayoral candidate Maria Giesta turned in at least 50 qualified signatures, but still needs to file officially before the 29 August deadline.

The preliminary election will be held on October 3rd and the top two vote getters move on to the November 7th final election. If Maria Giesta doesn't file officially, then there won't be a preliminary election with Carlos Pimentel Felix and Edwin Cartagena automatically moving on to the final municipal election on November 7th.

Ward 2 is an important race as it contains much of Acushnet Ave, North Front Street and Ashley BLVD – all considered high crime areas in New Bedford. Ward 2 is also where the Day of Portugal and New Bedford Feast of the Blessed Sacrament is held.

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