Ward 1 New Bedford City Councilor James Oliveira will not be seeking re-election

Like it or not, change is coming to the New Bedford City Council. Ward 1 New Bedford City Councilor James Oliveira will not be seeking re-election this year. He replaced Linda Morad in 2012, who is now an at-Large Councilor.

Ward 5 City Councilor Kerry Winterson announced earlier this year that he won't be seeking re-election as well. Ward 2 City Councilor Steven Martins appears to be eyeing the Assessor's office and Ward 3 City Councilor Henry Bousquet stepped down earlier this year and in a special election was replaced by Hugh Dunn.

Good to see all this all this change in New Bedford politics? Does it make you consider running for office this year?