

City of New Bedford

July 21, 2016

The Honorable City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Appointments & Briefings at a Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, considered a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, on behalf of the Cape Verdean Recognition Day Parade Committee, that the City waive all cleanup costs associated with the Recognition weekend, including the streets and parks being utilized for the Recognition weekend; and further, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with all organizations sponsoring events in the City to discuss this waiver fee that has been implemented and how this current fee may possibly cause upcoming events to be cancelled in the City. (Ref'd 6/23/16)

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: That the city waive all costs/fees for all non-profit organizations holding events throughout the City of New Bedford that contribute to drawing a tourism base for the city and its people; and further, that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings look to create a mechanism that allows the City Council to review event fees/charges before the organizations are billed so that the City Council becomes the controlling entity in granting the waiver of fees as opposed to the Mayor; and further, that a list of local non-profit organizations be developed by the appropriate departments and forwarded to the City Council. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 9, Nays 0.

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS &

Councillor Henry G. Bousquet, Chairman

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