


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
	APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	Tax Classification (municipal residential and commercial tax rate) hearing and vote – 11/28/16 @ 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	My responsibility, as a City Councillor At-Large, is to vote alongside my 10 other colleagues in government in setting the municipal tax rate for calendar year 2017.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	<p>In the past, my full time employer, the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, has typically testified before the City Council and has released a public press release statement encouraging the City Council to adopt a favorable commercial tax rate for the local business community.</p> <p>My employer has informed me, however, that they will neither be either testifying nor releasing any type of public decree this year regarding this vote.</p>
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	<p>When I am in the City Council Chambers acting on behalf of my constituency of almost 100,000 residents and taxpayers, I am responsible to them and them only.</p> <p>My day-time employment has had, and will continue to have absolutely no bearing on how I legislate and advocate for our constituency.</p>

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<p>Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.</p>	<p>There is absolutely zero risk of any type of undue favoritism towards my employer as, I had stated previously, when I am in the City Council Chambers, I do not answer to the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, but rather, the voters, taxpayers and residents of whom I represent.</p> <p>Plus, as also stated above, the NBACC will not be declaring any type of public statements and or sentiments towards this year's tax classification hearing and vote (by neither testifying nor releasing any type of public press release/documents, etc).</p>
<p>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</p>	<p>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p>
<p>Employee signature:</p>	
<p>Date:</p>	<p>11-23-16</p>

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.

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