



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

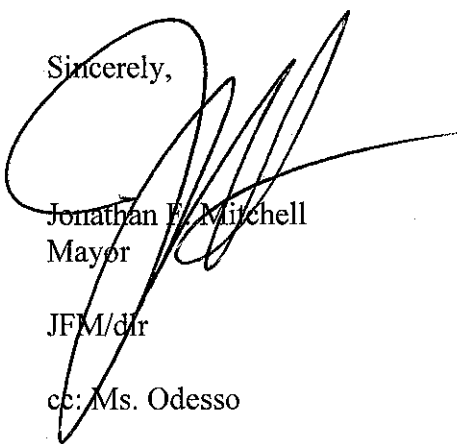
December 10, 2015

City Council President Brian K. Gomes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Gomes and Honorable Members of the Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of Jaunna Odesso of 1056 Cherokee Street, New Bedford, MA to the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities. Ms. Odesso will be replacing Gloria Hill. This term will expire in May 2016.

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/dlr

cc: Ms. Odesso



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BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

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The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and file it with the Personnel Office. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Some appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side) Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

Name: Jauna Adesso Email: jadessa100@yahoo.com

Home Telephone: 508 9954639 Work Telephone: 774 849 0988

Residence Address: 1056 Cherokee Street N.B. Zip: 02745

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Executive Secretary / Town Chairman's Office

Educational Background: high school, and 911, MAJAN, Reserve Academy

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served: Notary Public

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor: I have a child with a disability and would like to use my personal experience to assist others.

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

muscular dystrophy

Please detail specific areas of interest: gained experience in all areas

Available for meetings in the daytime ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (check one)

Resident of the City since what year: 1993

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Personnel Department, 133 William St., Room 212, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING
INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant: Jauna Adesso

Date: 9-8-2015



City of New Bedford Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

To: Kristine Arsenault
Deputy Chief of Staff

From: Cynthia Wallquist
Executive Director

Date: 11/19/15

Re: Disabilities Commission Vacancy

At the November 17th meeting of the Commission, the membership voted to formally remove Gloria Hill from the Commission. Gloria has been out of state with medical issues for several months; however, neither she nor a family member requested a medical leave of absence. She has not responded to countless e-mails and letters (certified). We reached out to family (her son is a member of the NBPD) to try and have her respond, but to no avail.

The Commission's by-laws require removal after 3 unexcused absences in one year; she already had four plus this week's meeting.

Meanwhile, Jaunna Odesso, Owen Costa's mom, has submitted her application to be appointed to the Commission. (Owen is the Pulaski student who did the floating wheelchair demonstration over the summer.) She would be a great addition and does meet the criteria of Gloria's slot; i.e. the appointee has a family member with a disability.

Gloria's term expires May 2016, so her replacement would serve until then and hopefully be reappointed.

I have attached Jaunna's application for the Mayor's review and consideration.

Cc:
K. Bettencourt
D. DeMarinis, Jr.