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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

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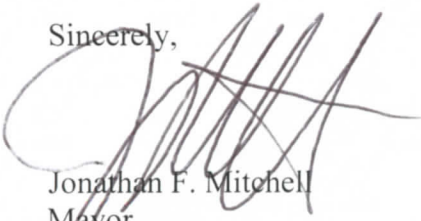
City Council President Joseph P. Lopes
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval a request from the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society to name the newly renovated Aquatic Environment Center: ***Rainforests, Rivers & Reefs sponsored by Stoico/FIRSTFED.***

Attached is a communication from the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society asking for support and assistance with the City Council Committee for Memorials and Dedications.

Sincerely,


Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

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Attachment

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BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO

City of New Bedford

Jon Mitchell
Mayor

Keith Lovett
Director of Zoological
Services



May 2, 2017

The Honorable Jon Mitchell
Mayor of New Bedford
133 William St.
New Bedford, MA 02740

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Dear Mayor Mitchell,

The Buttonwood Park Zoo is undergoing significant changes that will enhance the visitor experience and solidify the Zoo as the largest environmental institute in the Southcoast. The Buttonwood Park Zoological Society, our partners in the plan, have embarked on an ambitious fundraising campaign to support the administration's Capital Improvement Plan which endeavors to fund portions of the Zoo's \$25 million dollar master plan. To that end, the Society is pleased to announce that they have secured a letter of commitment from the Robert F. Stoico/FIRSTFED Charitable Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$400,000. The grant will be paid out over a five-year period beginning in 2017. The first payment in the amount of \$100,000 was received in April. The remaining balance will be paid out in increments of \$75,000 per year through 2021.

In recognition of their generous donation, the Zoological Society is requesting approval to name the newly renovated Aquatic Environment Center:

Rainforests, Rivers & Reefs sponsored by Stoico/FIRSTFED

The naming rights affiliated with the sponsorship would be in place for a period of no more than fifteen years.

We are asking for your support and assistance with the City Council Committee for Memorials and Dedications for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Keith Lovett
Director Zoological Services