



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 14, 2017


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

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

I respectfully request a **six-month Residency Waiver** for Mr. Matthew Nichols of 822 Pontiac Avenue, Apt. 9302, Cranston, RI, the Zoo's selection for the position of Zoo Caretaker.

I have attached correspondence to support the reason for this request and Mr. Nichols and Mr. Lovett will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/dlr

Cc: Matthew Nichols
Keith Lovett
Personnel



BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO

City of New Bedford



Jon Mitchell
Mayor

Keith Lovett
Director of Zoological
Services

To: Mayor Jon Mitchell
From: Keith Lovett
Re: Six Month Residency Waiver for Matthew Nichols

November 13, 2017

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

Please accept this letter of request for a six month residency waiver for Matthew Nichols our choice for the vacant Zoo Caretaker position. Mr. Nichols is working toward securing housing in New Bedford while completing the terms of his lease at his current residence. Mr. Nichols is an outstanding candidate and zoo staffing levels necessitate starting him on the animal care team as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Keith Lovett
Director Zoological Services
Buttonwood Park Zoo