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May 10, 2013

Ronald Labelle, Commissioner
Department of Public Infrastructure
1105 Shawmut Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02746

Dear Commissioner Labelle:

The New Bedford's City Council's Committee on Memorials & Dedications, at a meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, considered a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications meet with the Administration for the purpose of discussing a suitable site for a memorial honoring the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, for his 47 Years of Service of Dedication and Representation to our Country, Commonwealth and our City while serving in the United States Senate, seeing that Senator Kennedy's ties to the City of New Bedford were infused by his many actions to help this city and its Citizens and the people who were dedicated to and supported the Senator; further, in this Councillor's opinion, a suitable location for a dedication would be the completion of the hurricane dike walkway reflecting the late Senator's love for the City, and for the ocean; further, that this recommendation be forwarded to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications to work with the Army Corps of Engineers; and further requesting that, if the hurricane dike walkway is not feasible, then the Committee, along with the Administration, look for another location to memorialize the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

On motion by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee on Memorials & Dedications contact Ron Labelle and ask that he pursue an opportunity to meet with the Army Corps of Engineers for the purpose of discussing the possibility of erecting a monument to Senator Kennedy on the barrier; and that he respond to the Committee within 30 days.

Please forward all responses to the Clerk of Committees Office.

Very truly,


Councillor Bruce Duarte, Jr., Chairman
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June 15, 2012

The Ethel & W. George Kennedy Family Foundation
1550 Madruga Avenue, Suite 225
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Dear Kennedy Family Foundation:

The New Bedford's City Council's Committee on Memorials & Dedications, at a meeting held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, considered a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with the Administration for the purpose of discussing a suitable site for a Memorial honoring the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, for his 47 Years of Service, Dedication and Representation to our Country, Commonwealth and our City while serving in the United States Senate, seeing that Senator Kennedy's ties to the City of New Bedford were infused by his many actions to help this City and it's Citizens and the people who were dedicated to and supported the Senator; further, in this Councillor's opinion, a suitable location for a dedication would be the completion of the hurricane dike walkway reflecting the late Senator's love for the City, and for the ocean; further that this recommendation be forwarded to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications to work with the Army Corps of Engineers; and further requesting that, if the hurricane dike walkway is not feasible, then the Committee, along with the Administration, look for another location to memorialize the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy.


Some discussion ensued regarding the location, and possible funding for this project.

On Motion, by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee reach out to any and all foundations associated with the Kennedy family to inquire about possibly assisting with portions or all of the cost associated with this monument. This motion passed on a voice vote.

The Committee on Memorials and Dedications would appreciate any contributions or donations you could provide for this very important project; further requesting that you forward this request to any other interested party that you feel may be able to aide in this project.

Please forward all responses to the Clerk of Committees Office, City Hall, Room 213.

Very truly,


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The Honorable Mark C.W. Montigny, State Senator
State House – Room 312
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Montigny:


The New Bedford's City Council's Committee on Memorials & Dedications, at a meeting held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, considered a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with the Administration for the purpose of discussing a suitable site for a Memorial honoring the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, for his 47 Years of Service, Dedication and Representation to our Country, Commonwealth and our City while serving in the United States Senate, seeing that Senator Kennedy's ties to the City of New Bedford were infused by his many actions to help this City and it's Citizens and the people who were dedicated to and supported the Senator; further, in this Councillor's opinion, a suitable location for a dedication would be the completion of the hurricane dike walkway reflecting the late Senator's love for the City, and for the ocean; further that this recommendation be forwarded to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications to work with the Army Corps of Engineers; and further requesting that, if the hurricane dike walkway is not feasible, then the Committee, along with the Administration, look for another location to memorialize the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Some discussion ensued regarding the location, and possible funding for this project.

On Motion, by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Bousquet, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee send a letter to Senator Montigny and the Army Corps of Engineers asking about the status of the Hurricane Dyke Walkway; and furthermore that they be requested to respond within thirty (30) days. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Please forward all responses to the Clerk of Committees Office, City Hall, Room 213.

Very truly,


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