



City of New Bedford

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

August 7, 2018

Honorable Jon Mitchell
Mayor
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

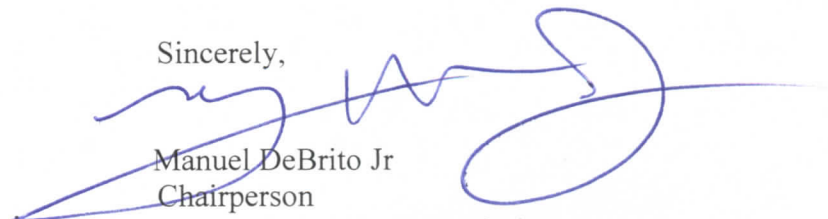
Dear Mayor Mitchell:

The Board of Election Commissioners is requesting a special meeting with the City Council to approve the change of two polling locations, Fire Station 5 (Ward & Precinct 1D) to Bedford Gardens Care and Rehab and Senhor da Pedra (Ward & Precincts 2B, 2C) to Alma del Mar Charter School. All voters impacted by these moves must be notified at least 20 days prior to the Primary Election (September 4th), thus necessitating this urgent request. There will be roughly 4,600 impacted.

These changes are required based on a motion filed by Councillor Linda Morad to review voter accessibility and safety of all polling locations in the City. Based off findings from site visits conducted by myself, Bridget Murphy from the Secretary of State's Office and contractor BG Shanklin, the Election Commission has concluded these changes are necessary to provide the necessary accessibility to our City's voters in these locations. We are also making necessary updates to bring other polling locations up to code across the City including temporary ramps, temporary handicapped parking spaces and temporary lighting to be in place on election days. None of the other polling locations need to be moved at this moment but will be revisited in the future to ensure our polling locations are in fact based in the best possible locations to house them.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Manuel DeBrito Jr
Chairperson
Board of Election Commissioners

cc: Dennis Farias, City Clerk
Linda Morad, Councillor-at-Large