



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

December 31, 2018

City Council President Linda M. Morad  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

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

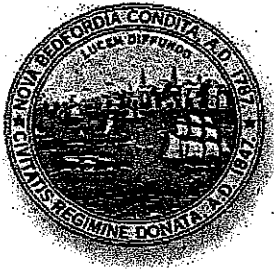
I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **MARTIN BENTZ** of 8 Maple Street, New Bedford, MA to the **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**. Mr. Bentz will be replacing Kevin Thomas whose term has expired. This term will expire in February 2021.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Mr. Martin Bentz  
Human Relations Commission



## CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

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.

### Human Relations Commission

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side)

Name: Martin Bentz Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: 8 Maple St. New Bedford, MA Zip: 02740

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Retired from the United Nations

Educational Background: B.A. Columbia University - 1985 /Post grad studies

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:  
Outreach Coordinator - Islamic Society of Southeastern Mass (issmass.org)  
Volunteer Coordinator - Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR-MA)

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:  
Not applicable

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:  
I hope my experience in conflict resolution with the United Nations and my interest in fair representation for all cultural, ethnic and religious groups will be of service.

Please detail specific areas of expertise:  
Conflict resolution, fair practices, negotiating settlements, cultural diversity, administration

Please detail specific areas of interest:  
Human rights, counseling, inter-faith awareness, sensitivity training

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

Resident of the City since what year: 2015

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: Martin Bentz Date: 8-14-2018

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**8 Maple Street**  
**New Bedford, MA 02740**

## **RESUME**

**OBJECTIVE:** To serve the City of New Bedford community as a mediator and advisor in cases involving human relations.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Long-time advocate of human rights and equal opportunity while serving in the United Nations as a senior administrative officer. Mediator and negotiator for mutually beneficial terms between conflicting parties and counsellor on proper conduct for personnel working in foreign countries.

### **RECENT ACTIVITIES:**

Outreach Coordinator for the Islamic Society of Southeastern Massachusetts, New Bedford, promoting greater understanding of Islam through public interfaith activities.

Volunteer Coordinator for Council on Islamic American Relations (CAIR- MA) matching people interested in learning more about Islam through workshops and public service.

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: 1981 - 2011 (retired)**

**United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) 2008-2011**  
Chief Administrative Services

#### Major achievements

Safely evacuated administrative staff after a terrorist attack on the UN in Kabul, October 28, 2009. Set up satellite office in Kuwait to handle administrative support via electronic data links, which is now the template for all UN administrative centers in the field.

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**United Nations Mission in Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) 2004 -2008**  
**Regional Administrator - Kinshasa & Western DRC, Chief General Services**

**Major Achievements**

Organized major restructuring of mission support to deliver faster services and supplies to field offices using regional authority and management with local supply chains.  
Improved security, safety and health conditions at 18 remote UN outposts.

Representing the administration, worked closely with national staff representatives to negotiate fair contracts and secure working conditions.

Member of 9 boards of inquiry to improve UN response to sexual exploitation and misuse of UN resources. Drafted recommendations for improved training and awareness.

**United Nations Mission in Eritrea and Ethiopia (UNMEE) 2000 - 2004**  
**Chief General Services / Co-Chair Committee on HIV AIDS Awareness**

**Major Achievements**

Set up first UN field office Committee on AIDS Awareness. Initiated train-the-trainer HIV AIDS awareness to reach all military and civilian personnel. Drafted first Code of Conduct for UN personnel, thereafter adopted world-wide, specifically addressing integrity, respect for cultural diversity and prohibiting the exploitation of host citizens.

**United Nations Mission in Western Sahara (MINURSO) 1993 -2000**  
**Member Identification Commission / Liaison Officer**

**Major Achievements**

Set up and chaired the first UN integrated support council in a field office to coordinate the weekly activities of the political mandate, military, civilian police and administration.

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**United Nations Mission in Western Sahara (MINURSO) 1993 -2000 (continued)**

Participated in the design and implementation of the identification of all eligible voters in the Western Sahara region of Morocco and Algeria. Negotiated with representatives from both countries to accept the protocols needed to allow logistical communication and the secure travel of representatives from the two parties in conflict. Established protocols for setting up new identification offices region-wide. Initiated computerized tracking system of UN resources.

**United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) - 1990-1993**  
**Special Events Fundraising Officer - Special Events and New Initiatives (SENI)**

Major Achievements - raising US\$ millions for children

UNICEF production manager for internationally televised fundraiser for children - variety show with Audrey Hepburn and Roger Moore as hosts - taped in Holland.

UNICEF FIFA post 1990 World Cup televised fundraising game in Germany

**New York City Road Runners Club (NYRRC) 1989- 1990**  
**Elite Athlete Coordinator**

Major Achievement

Member organizing committee for NYC Marathon, first NYC Games in 1988 (Olympic-style athletics), & 5th Avenue Mile. Initiated first written, legal contract for appearance and reward for elite athletes in running and athletics, heretofore considered "amateur."

**John Wiley & Sons - College Division (1987- 1989)**  
**Production Manager - College Division - Accounting, Electrical Engineering, Geography**

Major Achievements

First production manager to produce digitally created text book (electrical engineering)  
Catalogued map collection.

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**United Nations / UNICEF / CARE 40th Anniversaries (1985, 1986 and 1987)**  
Production Manager Special Events (all three organizations) / UNICEF Spokesperson

**Major Achievement**

Heightened national awareness for all three organizations through televised concerts, sports events and torch relays at NYC headquarters and multiple venues in USA.

**United Nations - Procurement Division (1981- 1985)**  
Logistical Coordinator (*President, UN Staff Recreation Council Athletics Club*)

**Major Achievement**

Organized just-in-time delivery of support material from world-wide and local suppliers for shipment to peacekeeping missions in the field.

Organized first UN HQ participation in UN Inter-Agency Staff Games in Austria in 1984.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Graduated cum laude B.A. - School of General Studies - Columbia University - 1985

Post Graduate Diploma in Innovation and Change Management - York St Johns University, UK. 2017.

Certificate in 'Behavioral Health in Aging' for religious leaders offered by the Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research (CADER) Boston University. May 2018.

**UNITED NATIONS TRAINING COURSES:** UN Senior Management Excellence in Leadership, 2009. \* Advanced Security Awareness in the Field, 2008. \* Exploitation/ Abuse Awareness, 2007. \* Standards of Conduct, 2006. \* Diversity Appreciation, 2006. Stress Management 2006. \* Conflict Resolution, 2006.

Marital Status: Married in 1997 to Oufa El Houkssous