

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 5, 2019

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

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

I would like to request a one-year **Waiver of Residency** for Jodi Goodman, Special Collections Librarian, who currently lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

I have attached correspondence to support the reason for this request.

Jodi Goodman and Olivia Melo, Library Director, will be available at the meeting to abswer any questions.

Sincerely

Jonat Jay F. Mitchell

Mayor

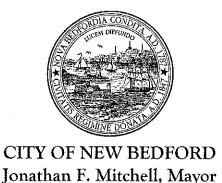
JFM/sds Attachment

Cc:

Olivia Melo

New Bedford Library

Personnel



New Bedford Free Public Library 613 Pleasant Street

613 Pleasant Street New Bedford, MA 02740 508-991-6275

http://www.newbedfordlibrary.org

Trustees

Jonathan F. Mitchell, Chair, ex officio
Carl J. Cruz, Vice-Chair
Very Rev. Constantine S. Bebis
Lee Blake
Dr. John Fletcher
Elsie R. Fraga
Fr. Kevin Harrington
Diana Henry
Jill Horton-Simms

Library Director Olivia Melo

Helen Rogers

May 31, 2019

Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell City of New Bedford 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

I respectfully request placement on the June 13th City Council Agenda for approval of a residency waiver for Jodi Goodman of Providence, RI. Ms. Goodman is the Special Collections Librarian and holds a Master's in Library and Information Science with an advanced certificate in Archives Management from Simmons College in Boston.

Ms. Goodman has held this position since June 22, 2015. In the time she has been with us, she has restructured the department and organized the collection for accessibility and independent research use, both on-site and virtually. Ms. Goodman serves as co-chair of Digital Commonwealth, a platform for remote access to archival materials across the state of Massachusetts. This past year, the New Bedford Library was featured as one of the largest contributors to this research tool with the submission of 800 digital images of New Bedford, including the Oliveira collection which document clubs, societies, churches, parades and businesses of the Portuguese community in the early 20th century.

Ms. Goodman's professionalism, knowledge and experience with archival management is vital to this organization and our unique collections.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Olivia Melo, Library Director

Cc: Personnel

BRANCHES: Lawler: 508-991-6216; Casa da Saudade: 508-991-6218; Howland Green: 508-991-6212; Wilks: 508-991-6214