



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

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CITY CLERK

September 3, 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:

Enclosed is an AMENDED letter from Manuel DeBrito, Jr., Chairperson of the Board of Election Commissioners, requesting a special meeting with City Council to approve the change of a polling location, Bedford Gardens (Ward & Precinct 1D) to Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts.

This letter is intended to modify the previous request of change of polling location dated August 29, 2019 and submitted to City Council on August 30, 2019.

At this time, I am asking for your consideration in approving the change of the polling location to Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Chairperson DeBrito, Jr., will be available at the City Council Special Meeting to answer any questions you may have.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

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Attachment

cc: Elections Commission



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## **BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

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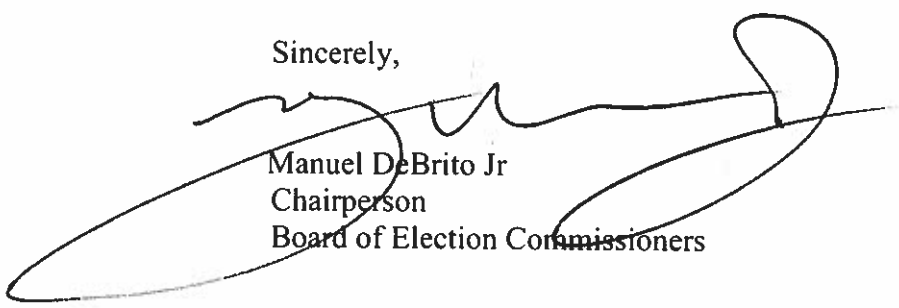
Dear Mayor Mitchell:

The Board of Election Commissioners is requesting a special meeting with the City Council to approve the change of a polling location, Bedford Gardens (Ward & Precinct 1D) to Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts. All voters impacted by these moves must be notified at least 20 days prior to the Primary Election (October 1, 2019), thus necessitating this urgent request. There will be roughly 1,500 registered voters impacted.

These changes are required because our previous polling location abruptly shut down earlier this year. Vibra is located directly across the street from the prior location and will have the least impact logistically on the voters. 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