



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 2, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

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

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **KIMBERLI BETTENCOURT** of 440 Prescott Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts to the **COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES**. Ms. Bettencourt will be replacing Melissa Branco, whose resignation will be effective May 31, 2020. This term will expire in May 2023.

Sincerely,


Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: CCD
Kimberli Bettencourt



City of New Bedford
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

To: Christina Connelly, COO

From: Cynthia Wallquist
Executive Director

Date: 5/21/20

Re: Commission Vacancy Recommendation

Per our conversation earlier this year, I received an application from Kim Bettencourt who would like to return to the Commission.

Kim was first appointed in 1999 and served until May 2009 (resignation letter attached). She was able to return to the Commission in 2010 and served until 2017 when she resigned due to her schedule (letter attached).

With a lighter work schedule in Acushnet, she has expressed interest in coming back and would be a welcome addition. With her expertise in special education and a family member with a disability, Kim would be a valuable candidate for Melissa Branco's seat that will be vacant June 1, 2020.

Kim's application and Melissa's resignation letter are attached. Should you need her prior attendance records, I would be happy to provide them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachments



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.

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side) Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

Name: Kimberli Bettencourt

Email: _____

Home Telephone _____

Work Telephone: _____

Residence Address: 440 Prescott Street, New Bedford, MA

Zip: 02745

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Dir. of Student Services Acushnet Public Schools

Educational Background: MS Ed. Boston College, BS Ed. Westfield State, EC Admin, Wheelock College

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

Former member Friends of Buttonwood Park

Former member Community Connections Coalition

Current member Council for Exceptional Children

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:

Former Chairperson Commission for Citizens with Disabilities/member for over 10 years

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:

As the previous Ex Dir of Special Education/Student Services for the NBPS I was very involved in our City. I am no longer in the position but would like to continue to be of service to the citizens of NB

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

I hold a Master's degree in Special Education from Boston College and have been in the field of Special Education for 32 years. I am very active in my New Bedford community and wish to continue to serve.

Please detail specific areas of interest:

Disability rights, equity, poverty and elder affairs are among my areas of interest. I love this City and want to use my knowledge and influence to contribute to these causes

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

Resident of the City since what year: 1997

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: _____

Date: 5/7/2020