



# *City of New Bedford*

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

### **City of New Bedford 3F Polling Location Change Impact Report**

In accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020, the New Bedford City Council has evaluated the impact of the Election Commission's request to move Precinct 3F polling location from First Church of the Nazarene to the Bayberry Apartments. The move is necessary due to the church using the polling area as a classroom due to COVID. The school is open on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The City Council has made the following conclusions with respect to the proposed move of the Precinct 3F polling place to the Bayberry Apartments:

1. There would be no adverse impact on the basis of disability or age.

The Bayberry Apartments, which is located .7 miles from The Church of the Nazarene, is a senior living and assisted living complex. The polling location will be housed in a new construction and thus up to code with all accessibility rules. There are ample handicapped accessible parking spots on the property, and the building has adequate access and egress.

2. There would be no adverse impact on the basis of race or national origin.

Bayberry Apartments (senior living) and Hidden Brook Apartments (market rate) comprise the largest apartment complex in Precinct 3F. The apartments house a very diverse set of occupants.

3. There would be no adverse impact on the basis of income.

Bayberry Apartments is equally or more accessible to voters in Precinct 3F, so the proposed change would not make transportation to the polling site more difficult for low income residents. Most voters drive to The First Church of the Nazarene to vote which is only .7 miles to the proposed location. Many of the 3F voters are residents of Bayberry, so the proposed change is actually to their benefit. SRTA bus lines also has stops within the housing complex on their route.

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