



# City of New Bedford

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

September 28, 2020

Dear Councillors:

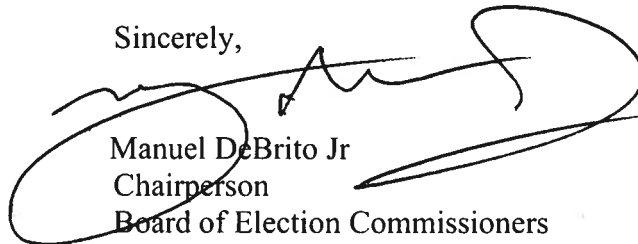
The Board of Election Commissioners is requesting a meeting with the City Council to evaluate and issue an impact statement report necessitated by the changing of polling locations from The First Church of the Nazarene (764 Hathaway St.) to Bayberry Apartments (151 Oakdale St.). The Council must determine whether the new location will have any disparate adverse impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income or age.

These changes are requested because First Church of the Nazarene, our previous polling location, is using the space as a classroom for their students due to COVID. The Bayberry Apartments are located about a half mile 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  
Hugh Dunn, Ward 3 Councillor

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