

City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

February 25, 2021

The Honorable City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Appointments & Briefings at a Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Abreu, Council President Lopes, Councillors Giesta, Lima, Baptiste and Carney, requesting, that the City of New Bedford look into establishing a Government Academy, similar to the program in Framingham, a six-week program where Citizens learn about the functions of City government; and further, these classes would be taught by City leaders at no cost, also requesting, that a representative from the Administration be invited to attend a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to collaborate on how to move this process forward. (Ref'd 01/09/2020) (03/09/2020 – tabled)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take "NO FURTHER ACTION" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Abreu, Council President Lopes, Councillors Giesta, Lima, Baptiste and Carney, requesting, that the City of New Bedford look into establishing a Government Academy, similar to the program in Framingham, a six-week program where Citizens learn about the functions of City government; and further, these classes would be taught by City leaders at no cost, also requesting, that a representative from the Administration be invited to attend a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to collaborate on how to move this process forward. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 9, Nays 0.

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS

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