

City of New Bedford

March 25, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety at a Meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Abreu, Council President Lopes, Councillors Baptiste and Giesta, requesting, that the New Bedford City Council send a letter to Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA), the Administration and New Bedford Health Department to discuss the feasibility of implementing a free public transportation plan for all City residents, especially our Seniors who do not have access to adequate transportation, to receive the COVID-19 vaccination when all of the MASS Covid-19 vaccination sites are all fully open and operational. (To be Referred to SRTA, the Mitchell Administration, New Bedford Health Department and Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods). (Ref'd 01/28/2021)

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council that they work with SRTA and the Mitchell Administration on identifying cost-effective solutions for transporting New Bedford residents, who may need a COVID-19 vaccination. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0, with Councillors Abreu, yes; Baptiste, yes; Carney, yes; Coelho, yes; Dunn, yes; Giesta, yes; Gomes, yes; Lima, yes; Lopes, yes; Markey, yes; Morad, yes.

> IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & **NEIGHBORHOODS**

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

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