



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

October 6, 2021

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

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members:

I am enclosing an order for your approval of the early in-person voting plan and schedule as recommended by the Chairperson of the Board of Election Commissioners.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/etp

Encs. Recommendation of Chairperson. Proposed Order



City of New Bedford

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2021

Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor of the City of New Bedford
City Hall
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Recommendation to adopt early in-person voting on October 23, 2021

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

Pursuant to Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as the Chairperson of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby request and recommend that the City of New Bedford make in-person early voting available to New Bedford registered voters for the upcoming Final Municipal Election.

I recommend that the City of New Bedford make early in-person voting available to New Bedford voters on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. at the New Bedford Free Public Library located at 613 Pleasant Street in Downtown New Bedford.

According to state law, the City Council must formally vote to accept and adopt the recommendation before in-person early voting may be offered to New Bedford voters. The City Council vote must include reference to the date, time and location where early in-person voting is to be made available. With only a 6.58% turnout for the Preliminary Municipal Election, I believe offering in-person early voting will provide an additional opportunity for voters to cast their ballot in the Final Municipal Election.

State law imposes requirements on when early in-person voting may be authorized by a municipality. The early in-person voting proposal I have outlined above and submit for your consideration meets the legal requirements of Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020. Please 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
Joeseeph Lopes, Councillor-at-Large



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CITY COUNCIL

October 14, 2021

ORDERED, that in accordance with Massachusetts law, the recommendation that the City of New Bedford host early in-person voting for New Bedford registered voters on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M at the New Bedford Free Public Library located at 613 Pleasant Street in Downtown New Bedford, is hereby adopted.