



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

February 14, 2022

City Council President Ian Abreu and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Abreu and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **LEO CHOQUETTE** of 21 Agnes Street, New Bedford, MA to the **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** as a full member of the Board. Mr. Choquette is currently serving as an Alternate Member. He will be replacing Mr. Allen Decker who has resigned (copy of resignation attached). This term will expire in December 2026.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

Enc.

cc: Leo Choquette
ZBA

December 14, 2021

The Hon. Jonathan F. Mitchell
Office of the Mayor
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Re: Re-Appointment of Allen D. Decker
Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Jon:

My term as a member of the City Zoning Board of Appeals ends at the end of this month and I have decided not to seek re-appointment. I have made my decision known to Jennifer Carloni in the City Planning Office.

I have enjoyed my time on the Board and believe that we have done well by the City with our case reviews and the decisions we have made. That said, I also believe that turnover is good and I believe the time, for me, is now.

I base my decision also on the fact that I believe the Board is populated with members who care deeply about our City and I know it is in good hands under the leadership of Chair Laura Parrish.

After a respite, I will look for other ways to volunteer and serve our City.

Thanks for this opportunity. It has been rewarding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allen D. Decker", is written over a horizontal line.

Allen D. Decker

52 Arnold Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 525-0455



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and email to Silvia.DaSilva@newbedford-ma.gov. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Appointments may be subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for (see attached list): Zoning Board of Appeals

Name: Leo Choquette

Email: I

Home telephone: _____

Work telephone: _____

Residence address: 21 Agnes St., New Bedford, MA

Zip code: 02745

Present occupation & place of employment: Lawyer/Financial Advisor; Securian Advisors of New England

Educational background: J.D. UMass Law 2013, M.S. Univ of Montana 2002, B.S. UVM 1998

Memberships in community organizations or professional groups: Board of Directors, P.A.C.E., Paul Revere Lodge of Freemasons

New Bedford Democratic City Committee, Southcoast Chamber of Commerce
Grace Episcopal Church

City Board and/or Commissions on which you have previously served: City of New Bedford Zoning Board of Appeals

Ran unsuccessfully for Ward 1 City Councilor, 2021

Reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor: _____
To continue to contribute my knowledge and skills for the betterment of the people of the city of New Bedford.

Please detail specific areas of expertise: Legal, Financial, Political

Please detail specific areas of interest: _____

Availability for meetings: daytime ☐ evenings ☒ both ☐ (check one)

Resident of the City since: 2009 (please provide year)

Please provide two references:

Name: Attorney John Markey Jr. Relationship: Friend/Law Prof

Phone number: 508 9939711 Email: John @mosessmithmarkey.com

Name: Attorney Blair Bailey Relationship: Friend

Phone number: 508 2643393

Email: _____

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The Statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Mayor's Office, 133 William Street, Room 311, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

[Handwritten Signature] 1/21/2022