



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**

**JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

February 17, 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 **SIDNEY A. MURRAY, II** of 193 Elm Street, Apartment 4, New Bedford, MA to the **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**. Mr. Murray will be replacing Bethany Fauteux, whose term has expired. This term will expire in April 2022.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Sidney Murray, II  
HRC



## 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](mailto: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): Human Relations Commission

Name: Sidney A. Murray II

Email: S

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address: 193 Elm st Apt.4 New Bedford Ma

Zip code: 02740

Present occupation & place of employment: Case Conferencing 2 , Massachusetts Department of Revenue

Educational background: University of Hartford - BA Communications, Umass School of Law - Juris Doctorate

Memberships in community organizations or professional groups:

Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Toastmasters, American Red Cross, Greater New Bedford Community Health Center,  
DOR Diversity Council, SEIU 509

City Board and/or Commissions on which you have previously served: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

I have spent my time volunteering to learn and through outreach to make New Bedford a better place as my adopted home town since 1998'. My service on the Standard Times editorial board , Opioid Task Force, and NBPD Citizens Academy twice provided me some understanding as to the challenges. As the Chairman of The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center for the past 3 years I was part of the resiliency of New Bedford before during and after. My current position as Chairman of Diversity Equity and Inclusion for Southeastern Massachusetts for the American Red Cross has allowed me to learn more about the needs of the people as well as the diversity of New Bedford. I can bring an wealth of experiences and skills as a needle mover and a proactive voice and actor for the underserved and voiceless. These are skills that I hone daily in both my position within the Red Cross but for the State of Massachusetts as well as understanding nuances such as policy and union structures and the responsibility to others humans.

Please detail specific areas of expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

I leverage my law degree to understand policies , diplomacy, mediation and contracts. My attending a full 6 month intermittent police academy provided me with a unique understanding of the law from the perspective of law enforcement . The Red Cross allowed me the opportunity to do direct outreach to varied communities in New Bedford and beyond. The ability to listen , commit and see things through is something my stakeholders and community partners know me for.

Please detail specific areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy to say there are so many areas of interest I am thrilled about that this commission addresses. I am interested in doing research and investigation to promote education and understanding. I would love to work further with other organizations for the betterment of New Bedford. My extensive legal experience ~~has me excited about working to support the Massachusetts General Laws.~~

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

Resident of the City since: 1998 (please provide year)

Please provide two references:

Name: Cheryl Bartlett Relationship: Co-Worker

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Brian Nobrega Relationship: Co-Worker

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: 1/1/2021



## Sidney A. Murray II

I am Sidney A. Murray II. As a humanitarian volunteer worker, I delight in offering service to humanity. My unrelenting passion for all the aspects of humanitarian work inspired me to volunteer with the Red Cross, where I have been serving for 10 years. I am a law school graduate with 18 years of experience working at the Legal Department of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. I leverage my legal knowledge to understand policies, interpret contracts, advocate and break down information to the intended recipients in my career and volunteer work.

My volunteer role is founded on a passion for making the world a better place for humanity. From taking steps to prevent fire and disasters to supporting diversity and inclusion and everything in between, I strive to impact people's lives positively. My continuous learning and growth enable me to stay on top of current humanitarian needs to give optimum services and counsel. Having gained extensive experience working on various projects, I feel honor-bound to be the voice for the voiceless.

I am a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Law School at Dartmouth, Plymouth County Police Chiefs Intermittent Police Academy. I have also completed the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Emerging Leaders Program.

I love to meditate, read and test my comprehension, play the guitar and work out in my free time. I wish to diversify my knowledge and humanitarian efforts working with the Rotary club.

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## Humanitarian Roles

- Red Cross Board of Directors: Chairman Diversity & Inclusion
- Red Cross Blood Ambassador
- Red Cross Disaster Action Team
- Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces
- New Bedford Emergency Management team member
- Chairman: Greater New Bedford Community Health Center
- Massachusetts Department of Revenue Diversity Council
- Ambassador One South Coast Chamber Ambassador's Council