

City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

November 10, 2022

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods at a Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, Council President Lopes, Councillors Markey and Carney, requesting, that the City Council go on record in opposition and condemnation of the Boston Globe's article along with the report done by Citizens For Juvenile Justice, titled, "We Are The Prey"; and further, that the New Bedford City Council also go on record in support of the men and women of the New Bedford Police Department as this report was not fairly done, and does not fit the image, the profile and the mission of our law-enforcement in the City, this report condemned our Police Department for racial profiling of minority groups of juveniles; and further, that the department continues to enforce law and order and justice for all Citizens of the City of New Bedford; and further, that Acting Police Chief Paul Oliveira reassure the people of the City that his leadership and New Bedford Police Department will mirror an image and commitment that all Citizens of the City of New Bedford will be treated fairly with no bias, only law and order and protection of all City residents. (Ref'd 02/10/2022)

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, Council President Lopes, Councillors Markey and Carney, requesting, that the City Council go on record in opposition and condemnation of the Boston Globe's article along with the report done by Citizens For Juvenile Justice, titled, "We Are The Prey"; and further, that the New Bedford City Council also go on record in support of the men and women of the New Bedford Police Department as this report was not fairly done, and does not fit the image, the profile and the mission of our law-enforcement in the City, this report condemned our Police Department for racial profiling of minority groups of juveniles; and further, that the department continues to enforce law and order and justice for all Citizens of the City of New Bedford; and further, that Acting Police Chief Paul Oliveira reassure the people of the City that his leadership and New Bedford Police Department will mirror an image and commitment that all Citizens of the City of New Bedford will be treated fairly with no bias, only law and order and protection of all City residents. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &

NEIGHBORHOODS

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

BKG: dmb



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CITY COUNCIL

April 22, 2021

WRITTEN MOTION

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Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large Joseph P. Lopes, City Council President William "Brad" Markey, Councillor Ward One Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large