



# City of New Bedford

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### Ian Abreu

*Councillor at Large*

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

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

I am writing to support the Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford's (CVANB) application for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for vacant or abandoned property rehabilitation to continue the restoration of the former Strand Theater.

This long-vacant theater will be transformed into the Cape Verdean Cultural Community Center where residents and visitors can learn about the different cultures and people that continue to contribute to New Bedford's sense of place. The revitalization of this vacant space at the front of the Near North End will help to increase investment in the region and build a stronger and more equitable economy.

We hope you join us in supporting this important project.

Sincerely,

Ian Abreu,  
City Council President 2022/  
Councillor at Large