



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

February 23, 2023

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Appointments & Briefings, at a meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Giesta, Abreu, Carney, Baptiste, Markey, Morad, Council President Lopes, and Councillors Coelho, Gomes and Dunn, requesting, that our Federal Legislative Delegation, Senators Warren and Markey, Congressman Bill Keating and Governor Baker expand the Opportunity Zone Program in New Bedford, the US Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 created the Opportunity Zone Program to provide incentives for investment in low income communities and we are asking that this program be expanded to areas of Ward Two, and other relevant neighborhoods throughout the City; and further, New Bedford is one of the largest Gateway Cities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the expansion of the Opportunity Zone Program would promote economic redevelopment, it is very important that we have a strong and dynamic Downtown, but there are many other areas of the City that should be redeveloped, and we believe the Opportunity Zone Program would help accomplish this mission. (Ref'd 10/08/2020) (05/17/2022 – Remain in Committee)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Burgo, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Giesta, Abreu, Carney, Baptiste, Markey, Morad, Council President Lopes, and Councillors Coelho, Gomes and Dunn, requesting, that our Federal Legislative Delegation, Senators Warren and Markey, Congressman Bill Keating and Governor Baker expand the Opportunity Zone Program in New Bedford, the US Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 created the Opportunity Zone Program to provide incentives for investment in low income communities and we are asking that this program be expanded to areas of Ward Two, and other relevant neighborhoods throughout the City; and further, New Bedford is one of the largest Gateway Cities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the expansion of the Opportunity Zone Program would promote economic redevelopment, it is very important that we have a strong and dynamic Downtown, but there are many other areas of the City that should be redeveloped, and we believe the Opportunity Zone Program would help accomplish this mission. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS

Naomi R. A. Carney

Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

NRAC/at



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

October 08, 2020

WRITTEN MOTION

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Maria E. Giesta, Councillor Ward Two

Ian Abreu, Councillor at Large

Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large

Derek Baptiste, Councillor Ward Four

William "Brad" Markey, Councillor Ward One

Linda M. Morad, Councillor at Large

Joseph P. Lopes, City Council President/2020

Debora Coelho, Councillor at Large

Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large

Hugh C. Dunn, Councillor Ward Three