



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

April 5, 2023

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

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members:

I am enclosing a proposed Order for your approval of the early in-person voting plan and schedule as recommended by the Chairperson of the Board of Election Commissioners.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

Encs.



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 13, 2023

Ordered, That, in accordance with Massachusetts law, the recommendation that the City of New Bedford host early in-person voting for New Bedford registered voters for the October 3rd preliminary election in the New Bedford Free Public Library located at 613 Pleasant Street in Downtown New Bedford on Saturday, September 23rd, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at Taber Mills on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and at Hazelwood Senior Center on Friday, September 28, 2023 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.; and that the City of New Bedford host early in-person voting for New Bedford registered voters for the November 7th election in the New Bedford Free Public Library located at 613 Pleasant Street in Downtown New Bedford on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at Taber Mills on Wednesday November 1, 2023 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and at Hazelwood Senior Center on Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., is hereby adopted.



City of New Bedford

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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

March 16, 2023

RE: Recommendation to adopt Early In-person voting hours for 2023 Municipal Elections

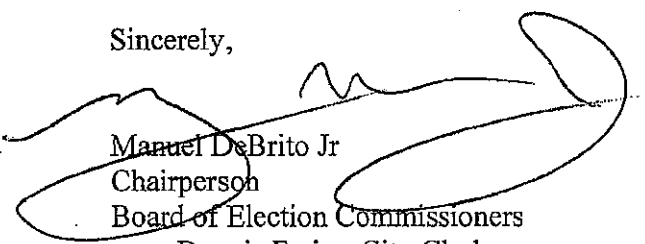
Dear Mayor Mitchell:

Pursuant to Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as the Chairperson of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby request and recommend that the City of New Bedford make In-person Early Voting available to New Bedford registered voters for Municipal Elections.

The commission recommends that the City of New Bedford make early in-person voting periods available to New Bedford voters on Saturday, September 23, 2023, and Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. at the New Bedford Free Public Library located at 613 Pleasant Street in Downtown New Bedford. I also recommend early voting at satellite locations Taber Mills on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, and Wednesday November 1, 2023, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and Hazelwood Senior Center Thursday, September 28, 2023, and Thursday, November 2, 2023, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

According to state law, the City Council must formally vote to accept and adopt the recommendation before in-person early voting may be offered to New Bedford voters. The City Council vote must include reference to the dates, times and locations where early in-person voting is to be made available. With decreasing turnouts for Local Elections, I believe offering in-person early voting at various locations in the city will provide additional opportunities for voters to cast their ballots. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Manuel DeBrito Jr
Chairperson
Board of Election Commissioners

cc: Dennis Farias, City Clerk
Linda Morad, Councillor-at-Large