



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

April 13, 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 Tuesday, March 28, 2023, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings meet with local media outlets, SouthCoast Today, WBSM, New Bedford Guide, the Portuguese Times, the Providence media market to include Channels 6, 10, 12 and the Boston media market Channels 4, 5, 7, Fox 25, NECN and Boston 10; and including the new digital news website called New Bedford Light founding Editor Barbara Roessner and Publisher Stephen Taylor, this request comes upon the declining news service and coverage in the Greater New Bedford area; and further requesting that the Committee look into any new bureaus that wish to locate in the City New Bedford. (Ref'd 03/25/2021)

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council send a letter to the ABC 6 and WPRI 12 news stations in 30-45 days seeking a status update on the Committee's request to establish a local news bureau in the City of New Bedford. This motion passed by a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS

Naomi R. A. Carney

Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

NRAC/at