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Linda Morad, City Council President  
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**RE: Citywide Comprehensive Plan Briefing**

Council President Morad,

The Department of City Planning has initiated the process for a new Citywide Comprehensive Plan, a community-driven set of goals and an action plan for the next decade. The citywide planning process will engage the community in a range of topics including Land Use, Housing, Economic Development, Transportation & Mobility, Natural and Cultural Resources, Open Space & Recreation, Services & Facilities. As a result of this process, the Comprehensive Plan will articulate a shared vision New Bedford. The development and update of the Plan is required by the State's Department of Housing and Community Development through M.G.L. c. 41, §81D.

To date, our consultant team, led by Agency Landscape + Planning, has compiled background information to provide context for the next phase of the process – public engagement and the development of a community vision. In the interest of keeping the City Council and constituents informed on our progress and engaged in the process, I would like to make myself and our consultant team available to present to the City Council on the project and solicit the Council's input on to inform the next decade of growth and development in our city.

Given the Comprehensive Plan's connection to land use and planning, the Committee on Ordinance may be an appropriate venue for a presentation. If you could please place this on an upcoming agenda for the committee, I will coordinate with our consultant to schedule a briefing session.

Thank you,

*Jennifer Carloni*  
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CC:

Jon Mitchell, Mayor  
Dennis Farias, City Clerk  
Ryan Pereira, Chair, City Council Committee on Ordinances  
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