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Dear New Bedford City Council, New Bedford School Committee Members:

My name is Brad Markey and I am asking to be considered for the open position on the New Bedford School Committee. I have been a New Bedford resident for over 35 years. I live in the far north end with my wife Jackie where we raised our two daughters who both went through New Bedford Public Schools. I recently retired as a sales representative after 40 years and was a former Ward 1 New Bedford City Councilor.

As a City Councilor one of the responsibilities was the City budget, making financial changes where needed to make for a fiscally responsible budget and then approving the budget, the school department was a large component of that budget. Over the time I was on the Council I received a good education in municipal finance which I feel is an asset. I also served as Chairman of Finance for two years, at that time I also worked with some members of the School Department and School Committee to secure a location and financing for the new Central Kitchen.

Municipal finance and budgeting is an important function for the School Committee and I feel I can add that component

In addition to municipal finance experience I also feel I can bring my life experiences and draw on these to help make decisions. As I did on the City Council I would thoroughly research whatever items that came before us so I could make the best decision possible.

Both my parents were educators in New Bedford Public Schools, My Dad started his career as a chemistry teacher at New Bedford High School and retired as Principal at Keith Middle School, my Mom started her career as a science teacher, took time off to raise a family and then went back to teaching science at Keith. Growing up we were taught the importance of an education, that same importance my wife and I passed on to our daughters and I would strive to bring that same sense of importance to the students of New Bedford. The most important thing for our students is for them to know that they have the ability to get a great education here in New Bedford.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at (508) 990 - 6512.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respecfully,

Brad Markey