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## PRESS RELEASE

New Bedford Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development Partners With MassHousing to Host "Homebuyer Fair" at the Dartmouth Mall

Homebuyer Fair presented by MassHousing and the City of New Bedford in conjunction with the Fall River/New Bedford Housing Partnership.

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** –The City of New Bedford Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development, MassHousing and the Fall River/New Bedford Housing Partnership will host a Homebuyer Fair at the Dartmouth Mall on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 22 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm</u>. The fair promises to be a great resource for anyone interested in purchasing or refinancing a home.

The Homebuyer Fair will give potential homebuyers an opportunity to discuss with local lenders and City representatives topics such as special mortgage programs, including the MassHousing "Buy New Bedford" mortgage program, upcoming lottery homes for purchase, down payment and closing cost assistance programs offered by the City, as well as information on refinancing or home repair programs. Information will also be available on upcoming home buyer education classes.

The Homebuyer Fair is being sponsored by MassHousing, the City and the Fall River/ New Bedford Housing Partnership. The Housing Partnership is comprised of local lenders including BankFive, Bay Coast Bank, Bristol County Savings Bank, Fall River Municipal Credit Union, First Citizens Federal Credit Union, Mechanics Co-Operative Bank, Southern Mass Credit Union, SouthCoast Federal Credit Union, New Bedford Credit Union, and Webster Bank, as well as City and State representatives and social service agencies who are all local stakeholders in the community.

"The City is pleased to join with MassHousing in hosting this Homebuyer Fair. The goal of this Homebuyer Fair is to provide local residents with the resources needed to help navigate the home buying process and is geared for anyone interested in purchasing or refinancing a home." said Patrick J. Sullivan, Director of the City of New Bedford Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development.

For more information about the Home Buyer Fair that is being held at the Dartmouth Mall on Saturday, October 22 from 10am- 2pm, please call the City of New Bedford

Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development at (508) 979-1500 or visit <a href="https://www.newbedford-ma.gov">www.frnbhp.com</a>.

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