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## PRESS RELEASE

## New Bedford Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development Named Vice President of National Community Development Association

**New Bedford, Massachusetts-** Patrick J. Sullivan, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development for the City of New Bedford has been elected to the Executive Board of the National Community Development Association (NCDA) and will serve as the Vice-President of the NCDA for the 2016-2017 year.

"Pat Sullivan continues to make outstanding contributions to the City and I am pleased that he now has the opportunity to do the same at a national level. Our efforts here in New Bedford on community development ought to serve as a model for other cities and New Bedford can also benefit from lessons learned in other communities," Mayor Jon Mitchell.

Sullivan, along with four others named to the NCDA's 2016-2017 Slate of Officers, was selected by the Nominations and Elections Committee composed of community development professionals from around the country. Other officers named to the Board include: President, Bonnie Moore (Shreveport, LA); Secretary, George Mensah (Miami, FL); Treasurer, Dale Cook (Palm Springs, FL); Immediate Past President, Michael Look (Seattle, WA).

NCDA is a non-partisan, national non-profit membership-based organization that represents local government departments across the country that administer federally-supported community and economic development and affordable housing programs. NCDA is an association of people committed to assist local governments to achieve high quality, locally-responsive programs for making communities better places in which to live and work, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.

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