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PRESS RELEASE

Election Commission Reminds Voters of Deadline to Register to Vote in New Bedford Preliminary Election

New Bedford, Massachusetts -- The New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners reminds New Bedford residents that <u>Wednesday, September 16, 2015</u> is the deadline to register to vote in the October 6th Preliminary Election as well as to notify the Board of Elections of any change in voter name or address.

The City of New Bedford Election Office, located in City Hall at 133 William Street, Room 114, will remain open on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 until 8:00 p.m. in order to allow the public more time to complete the voter registration process and make necessary updates to their name or address.

In the Preliminary Election on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, New Bedford voters may cast their vote for Councillor-At-Large, and in Ward Four, for Councillor of Ward Four.

The Board expects to have absentee ballots for the Preliminary Election available by September 21st. Any voter who is unable to get to the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot during regular Election Office hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or may request to have an absentee ballot application mailed to their home address.

The New Bedford Election Office will open on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon to give voters additional time to cast an absentee ballot.

Any New Bedford resident whose address has changed since the last election, would like to request an absentee ballot, or is uncertain about their voting status or designated polling location, should contact the New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners at (508) 979-1420.

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