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**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
**Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor**

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **City Announces 2023 Election Calendar**

*Nomination Papers Available April 4<sup>th</sup>*

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** – The Board of Election Commissioners advises the public that the 2023 Municipal Election Calendar is now set. Nomination Papers for Local Office will be available starting on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Election Office is located in City Hall, 133 William St. Room 114. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Candidates need to sign up and will be given an information packet that contains the Election Calendar and nomination papers.

Before issuance of nomination papers, the candidate must sign a statement containing their name, address, and the office the person intends to be a candidate. Anyone other than the candidate must present a signed authorization to secure papers on their behalf.

Candidates must obtain 50 certified signatures, per MGL 53 9A, to be eligible to appear on the Preliminary Ballot scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

In the Preliminary Municipal Election, New Bedford voters will be casting their votes for Mayor, Assessor-At-Large, School Committee, Councilors-At-Large, and Ward Councilors.

For more information, contact Election Commissioner Manuel DeBrito Jr. at (508) 979-1420.

**City of New Bedford**  
**Municipal Election Calendar**  
**Preliminary Election – October 3, 2023**  
**Municipal Election – November 7, 2023**

<b>APRIL 4</b>	First day on which nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for the offices of the Mayor, City Council, Assessor-At-Large, and School Committee. Each candidate must sign with the Board of Election Commissioners before he/she can obtain papers. A signed statement containing the person's name, address, and the office for which the person intends to be a candidate. Each candidate will be issued five (5) nomination papers.
<b>JULY 28</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	Last day and hour to <b>obtain</b> nomination papers from the Board of Election Commissioners.
<b>AUGUST 1</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	Last day and hour to <b>submit</b> nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners <b>for certification of signatures.</b>
<b>AUGUST 15</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	Last day and hour to officially <b><u>accept nominations</u></b> once signatures are certified with the Board of Election Commissioners.
<b>AUGUST 17</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	Last day and hour for <b><u>filing withdrawals or objections</u></b> of nomination papers with the Board of Election Commissioners.
<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	Last day to <b>register</b> to vote for the <b>Preliminary Election.</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 26</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee preliminary ballot.
<b>OCTOBER 2</b> <b>12:00 P.M.</b>	Last day and hour to apply for an in-person absentee preliminary ballot.
<b>OCTOBER 3</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ELECTION - POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.</b>

<b>OCTOBER 9</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	Last day and hour to file recount petition with Board of Election Commissioners.
<b>OCTOBER 28</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	Last day <b>to register</b> to vote for the <b>Municipal Election</b> .
<b>OCTOBER 31</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee election ballot.</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 6</b> <b>12:00 PM</b>	Last day and hour to apply for an in-person absentee election ballot.
<b>NOVEMBER 7</b>	<b>MUNICIPAL ELECTION – POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 17</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Last day and hour to file for a recount for the Election.</b>

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