



## City of New Bedford

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*Councillor at Large*

February 10, 2016

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Chairperson James Mathes  
New Bedford City Hall – Room 314  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Reference: Zoning Board Meeting Agenda of February 18, 2016  
ZBA Case # 4217 – 20 South Sixth Street

Dear Chairperson Mathes and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

I am writing in reference to the Petition of the YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts, submitted by Executive Director Gail Fortes, which is to be heard by the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment scheduled for the same date and time. I would however like to offer my support for the Petition and the proposed expansion that is planned by the YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts.

As you are aware in reading the application submitted by Executive Director Fortes, the organization has been planning for many years the expansion of their current building footprint to be able to consolidate their facilities located in several other buildings in the City and to expand the important programs the YWCA offers to families in our City. The plans submitted for your consideration thoughtfully propose the expansion; preserve the beauty of the existing structure and the landscape of the area. I strongly support the expansion plans and ask you to grant the relief that is being requested to allow this proposed expansion to move forward.

Please read this letter into the record of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to make those in attendance and the general public aware of my support of case #4217.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence and for your favorable consideration of this Zoning Board Petition.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Morad  
Councillor At Large

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