



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

May 4, 2017

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Board of Election Commissioners, I am submitting the 2017 Preliminary and Municipal Election calendar for the City of New Bedford with all the required dates and deadlines.

Calendar must be approved by the City Council as mandated by MGL 54, before publication.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/dlr  
Attachment

cc: Board of Election Commissioners



# City of New Bedford

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

May 1, 2017

Honorable Jon Mitchell  
Mayor  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

Now, that the Special Election for Ward 3 Councillor is over the Board of Election Commissioners can now proceed to schedule the Preliminary and Municipal Election for 2017.

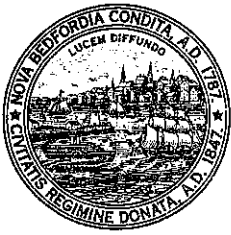
Enclosed is the Election calendar for this year's Preliminary and Municipal Election with all the required dates and deadlines.

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Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Maria Tomasia  
Chairperson  
Board of Election Commissioners



# City of New Bedford

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

### Preliminary Election - October 3, 2017 Municipal Election - November 7, 2017

**MAY 22** First day on which nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for Mayor, School Committee, Assessor and City Council. Each candidate must sign with Board of Election Commissioners, before he/she can obtain papers. A sign up sheet will be available for individuals who wish to take out nomination papers. It will include the name, address, telephone number and office for which the person intends to be a candidate. Anyone other than a candidate must present a signed authorization from the candidate to secure papers on candidate's behalf. Each candidate will be issued five (5) nomination papers.

- AUGUST 15** Last day and hour to **submit** nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners for **certification of signatures**.  
5:00 P.M.
- AUGUST 29** Last day and hour to officially **file** nomination papers with the Board of Election Commissioners.  
5:00 P.M.
- SEPTEMBER 1** Last day and hour for **filing withdrawals** or objections to nomination papers with the Board of Election Commissioners.  
5:00 P.M.
- SEPTEMBER 13** Last day to **register** to vote for the **Preliminary Election**.  
8:00 P.M.
- SEPTEMBER 25** Last day & hour for candidates for Assessor and School Committee to file Campaign Finance Reports with the Board of Election Commissioners.
- OCTOBER 30** 9:00 A.M TO 12 Noon Saturday Absentee Voting, City Hall, Room 114
- OCTOBER 2** Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot application for the Preliminary.  
12:00 P.M.
- OCTOBER 3** **PRELIMINARY ELECTION - POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.**
- OCTOBER 10** Last day to file a recount petition with Board of Election Commissioners.  
5:00 P.M.
- OCTOBER 18** Last day to **register** to vote for the **Municipal Election**.  
8:00 P.M.
- OCTOBER 30** Last day and hour for all candidates and Political Committees to file Campaign Finance Reports with the Board of Election Commissioners.  
5:00 P.M.
- NOVEMBER 4** 9:00 A.M TO 12 Noon Saturday Absentee Voting, City Hall, Room 114
- NOVEMBER 6** Last day and hour to file for an absentee ballot application with the Board of Election Commissioners.  
12:00 Noon
- NOVEMBER 7** **MUNICIPAL ELECTION - POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**