



City Councilor Brian Gomes
New Bedford City Council
New Bedford, MA

June 13, 2007

Dear Councilor Gomes,

Once again, thank you for participating in October 2005 Candidates' Night at Mount Carmel Parish. Our community appreciated learning your positions on important issues and how you planned to address these problems.

Our civic involvement is not limited to one evening's debate between candidates but rather an on-going exchange between our elected officials and the community. In that light, we wish to know what action has been taken regarding the important points you raised during your presentation.

Specifically:

- Improving policing: You stated that you would reinstate gang units and reopen the North and South End police stations
- Accountability: You wanted to create greater accountability to where the public's tax dollars went
- Adult Education: You said you would improve GED and other adult education programs
- Snow: You stated that you would equally distribute snow equipment throughout the city and use this equipment more often. You also said you would create a comprehensive plan to deal with snow

A brief answer to these questions – not more than one page - would be appreciated. Please reply at your earliest convenience to the Immigrant Assistance Center at the address listed above.

We plan to compile into a composite report all of the responses from the Candidates' Night participants who were elected in the November 2005 City Election.

After we have completed this report, but before it is made available to our community, we will send you a copy so that you can ensure your views and actions are accurately presented. Finally, we will translate the responses into Portuguese.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 508-996-8113.

Sincerely,

Helena Marques
Executive Director
Immigrant Assistance Center