## Five Voting Tips for New Bedford Residents



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Tomorrow, November 6th, 2012, New Bedford residents will vote for their next President (Barrack Obama or Mitt Romney), U.S. Senator (Scott Brown or Elizabeth Warren) and will decide the outcome of three state ballot questions. NewBedfordGuide.con does not endorse candidates, or try to sway opinions. I try to inform voters and let them make their own decisions. Here are five tips (or answers to important questions) that all New Bedford residents should know so you can cast your ballot smoothly and ensure you are informed on the three ballot questions.

- 1. Voting Hours. New Bedford residents can cast their ballot between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Expect the heaviest turnout after 5 p.m. as people get out of work and head to the voting booths. If possible, vote early so you can get in and out quickly!
- 2. Where do I vote? New Bedford has six voting districts and each district has several voting locations. A full list can be seen here. The best way to find your voting location is to use the state's official database: http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.asp x. Simply fill out the form with your address and it will generate your voting location's address.

**3. Details on the three ballot questions.** Voters in Massachusetts will vote on three ballot questions; the availability of motor vehicle repair information, prescribing medication to end life, and medical use of marijuana. Here's a basic primer on the issues: http://www.newbedfordguide.com/2012-massachusetts-statewide-ballot-



questions/2012/08/22. Get informed before you vote!

**4. Where do I get official New Bedford election information?** Residents should check the official New Bedford Election Commission

website: http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/Elections/electionmain.h tml. If you want to get your questions answered in person you can visit the Election Commission Office at the New Bedford City Hall on 133 William Street. They are location in room 114.

**5. Where do I get official state election results?** Reference the Secretary of State's election page: http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm.

"Should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights." — Thomas Jefferson