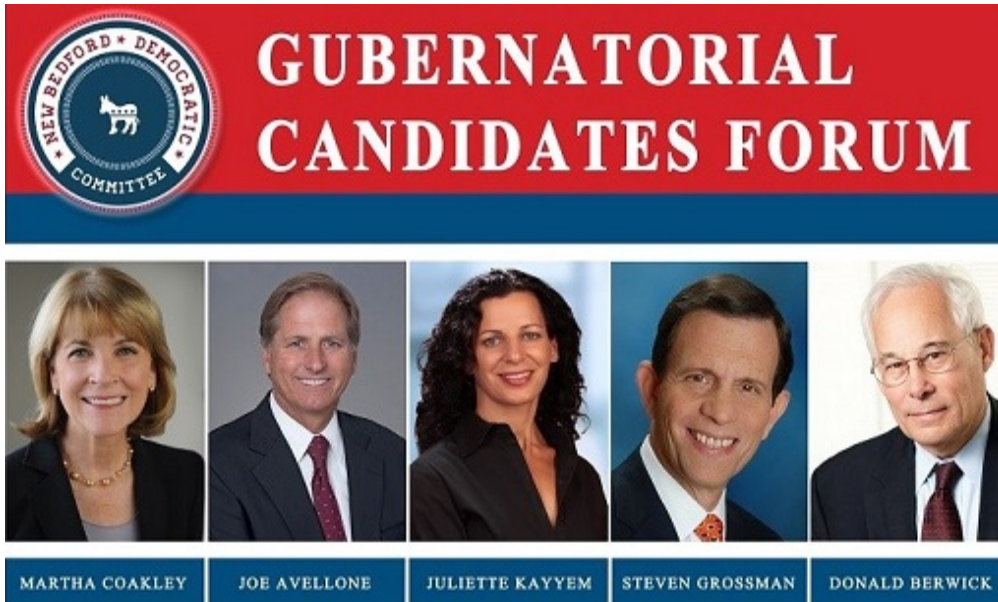


# New Bedford Democrats to host Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates Forum



The New Bedford Democratic City Committee is hosting a Gubernatorial Candidates Forum on Saturday, May 24th from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at the Zeiterion Theatre, which will offer area residents an opportunity to ask questions, get answers and hear the issues defined directly from those running as a Democrat for the State’s highest office.

Organizers of the event have collaborated with Democratic City and Town Committees, local organizations and stakeholders throughout the South Coast and have generated questions, which highlight issues relating to transportation, public safety, education, economy and environment. Each candidate will be allotted time for opening and closing statements.

“This is an exciting chance for New Bedford residents to hear directly from those who wish to govern our great State,” said Ralf Rho a New Bedford Democrat and one of the organizers of the forum. “More importantly it secures an occasion for these

candidates to hear from us on the issues that are important to our region.” Lisa Lemieux, 1199 Coordinator and another organizer of the event added: “This forum provides the perfect time for us to crowd the Zeiterion Theatre and ensure that our voices are heard.”

All five democratic candidates have agreed to attend and shared excitement has built up over the last weeks. “I am excited that we are helping make candidates accessible to voters that would not normally have the ability.” said Ward 4 Councilor and Communities of Color Director of the State Democratic Party, Dana Rebeiro. “Our hope is that everyone will walk away a more informed voter.”

An open-air market is also taking place before the forum just outside the Zeiterion Theatre. Everyone is encouraged to arrive as early as 9:30 A.M. to experience local small businesses selling Cape Verdean food, Portuguese recipes, live music and fresh produce. This is an ideal avenue to showcase our city’s cultural diversity and striking uniqueness.

The forum is free and open to the public. There is also free parking available at the Zeiterion garage. For more information please contact (617) 458-1165.



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**Ask questions. Get answers. Hear issues defined.**

**BEFORE THE FORUM**  
Arrive early (9:30am-10:30am) and enjoy the New Bedford Outdoor Market in front of the Zeiterion theatre selling coffee and Cape Verdean delicacies from local eateries. The market will sell produce from Silverbrook Farm in Darnmouth and give away local recipes and feature live music.

**FOLLOWING THE FORUM**  
Stay and enjoy downtown New Bedford:  
- Walk the Historical District  
- Enjoy Great Restaurants  
- Take the Underground Railroad Tour  
- Visit Pop-Up Galleries and Local Studios  
- Visit the New Bedford Art Museum  
- Check out our Whaling Museum

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