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September 5, 2019

Louis Macedo
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RE: Open Meeting Law Complaint

Dear Mr. Macedo:

We understand that on August 2, 2019, you filed a complaint with the New Bedford Conservation Commission ("Commission") alleging a violation of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The Commission is required to notify our office of the complaint and any remedial action taken to address the complaint. G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b); 940 CMR 29.05(5). Our office received notification and a response from the Commission on August 15, 2019.

Under the Open Meeting Law, our office may only review your complaint after 30 days have passed from the time you first filed your complaint with the Commission. G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b); 940 CMR 29.05(7). After 30 days have passed since you filed your complaint with the Commission, you may file a request with our office for further review of your complaint.

Thirty days have now passed since you first filed your complaint with the Commission. You may file your complaint for further review with our office up until 90 days have passed since the alleged violation date. If you wish to request further review of your complaint, we must receive your request for further review and a copy of the initial complaint by **October 14, 2019**. If we do not receive a request from you for further review by that date, we will presume that the action taken by the Commission was sufficient and will close the file.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the Open Meeting Law complaint process.

Sincerely,

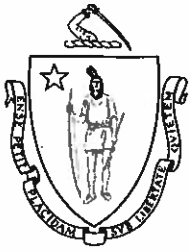
Mira Netsky
Paralegal
Division of Open Government

cc: Elizabeth Lydon, Esq., Associate City Solicitor
New Bedford Conservation Commission

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Dear Mr. Macedo:

Thank you for contacting the Attorney General's Office. On September 5, 2019, we received your Open Meeting Law complaint, which was originally received by the New Bedford Conservation Commission on or about August 2, 2019. We will review your complaint and will contact you in the event that we require additional information. We will issue a determination following our Office's review. If our determination finds a violation of the Open Meeting Law, we may order any of the remedies provided in G.L. c. 30A, § 23(c). Our office may also decline to review your complaint, if we find that it was untimely filed or that it does not contain allegations within the scope of the Open Meeting Law.

For additional information on the Open Meeting Law and the complaint process, please visit our website at www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting. Please do not hesitate to contact the Division of Open Government with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mira Netsky".

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Paralegal
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