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From South Coast Today: "[New Bedford City Hall nomination papers available](#)" by Dan McDonald

NEW BEDFORD (May 23, 2011) — City Hall's Elections Commission office has been abuzz of late as a slew of candidates are looking for an early start on this fall's election.

Nomination papers for city offices became available Thursday.

Bob Rebello and **James Roy**, a pair of political newcomers, are eyeing Ward 1 and at-large posts on the council, respectively. Both pulled nomination papers Thursday.

Rebello, 60, of 49 Rutland St., says he intends to run for the seat that would be vacated by Ward 1 Councilor Linda M. Morad, who has announced her candidacy for mayor.

Rebello has worked as a gardener for the city's Cemetery Department for the past 39 years and he plans on retiring at the end of this calendar year.

He said he wants to make government "more accountable."

Like Rebello, **Roy**, 30, of 636 Union St., is a registered Democrat who has lived in New Bedford his entire life and has never run for public office before.

Roy is a third-year law student at Roger Williams University and a substitute teacher at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School in Taunton, where his wife, Cynthia, also teaches.

Roy says he is no one's political protege in the city and quotes 18th century philosopher Adam Smith when asked why he is seeking public office. [...]

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