



Boston City Council

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COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILOR MURPHY REGARDING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH RESOLUTION

Madam President and Colleagues,

I am writing to clarify the procedural history of my Women's History Month resolution and to outline the next steps.

At the previous Council meeting, another colleague and I both filed Women's History Month resolutions. When the agenda was prepared, it was brought to my attention that my original filing was second in time. In accordance with Rule 15, I voluntarily withdrew that filing in good faith so that the first-filed resolution could proceed.

I then submitted a revised resolution with a different scope and purpose. The earlier resolution focuses on policy matters and the reaffirmation of women's rights. My refiled resolution focuses specifically on the Boston City Council Women's History Month Celebration and honoring women nominated by members of this body. The Clerk reviewed the revised filing and determined that it was not substantively similar under Rule 15 and properly placed it on the agenda.

When an objection was raised on the floor citing Rule 15, the matter was referred to the Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Administration and placed on the Green Sheets. I appreciate that the Chair has agreed to pull the resolution from the Green Sheets, calling it out of Committee so that it may be considered by the full Council.

I share this clarification to ensure the record reflects that I acted in good faith, withdrew my original filing, and submitted a materially different resolution. There should never be concern that there are too many opportunities to celebrate and uplift women during Women's History Month.

I respectfully ask for your support when the resolution is called from the Green Sheets and brought before the body.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of Human Services