

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your supporting me to be reappointed as the Chairperson of the Education Committee.

Council President Flaherty has decided not to re-appoint me and to appoint Councilor John Tobin of West Roxbury as the new Chairperson. He also appointed Councilor Maureen Feeney as the vice-chairperson. Since both Tobin and Feeney are supporters of neighborhood schools, it is obvious that Council President Flaherty is putting those who support his drive for neighborhood schools in charge of the committee.

His actions make clear the depth of Councilor Flaherty's disrespect for Communities of Color. When our Mayor, School Superintendent, Boston School Committee Chairperson, City Council President, City Council Vice President and City Council Ways and Means Committee Chairperson are white it is unconscionable that Council President Flaherty would ignore the fact that 85% of the students in the Boston Public Schools are of color when appointing the leadership of the Council's Education Committee. This was his opportunity to ensure that Boston's community of color had one of their own with some say in our children's education. While Louise Day Hicks is no longer with us, obviously her spirit is alive and well.

If you agree with me I would urge you to share your concerns with Council President Michael Flaherty, Councilor John Tobin, and Councilor Maureen Feeney. While taking this action will likely not result in my being reappointed the chairperson, at least it will let them know how you feel, which I feel is a very important part of our process. Please send copies of your correspondences to my office at [felixg.arroyo@cityofboston.gov](mailto:felixg.arroyo@cityofboston.gov). Below you will find their contact information. Thank you for your support and help. Should you have any questions please call us at (617) 635-3510

Together in the Struggle,  
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