

TOWN OF BROOKLINE

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By Electronic Mail

Chair Alex Coleman
Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations Commission
Brookline, MA
Re: January 5, 2016 Statement

Dear Chair Coleman:

This follows my requests of you dated January 5, January 7, and January 11, 2016 seeking the factual basis of the statement that was made by the Town of Brookline Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations Commission ("DICRC") to the Board of Selectman at its meeting on January 5, 2016. The DICRC's assertion that "the Board of Selectmen as an institution of town government has allowed a culture of institutional racism to exist through its past hiring practices" is disputed.

As of today, this statement continues to be widely published in the media, and is causing damage to the Town's reputation as a community and employer.

Your failure to produce the factual basis of this statement after 10 days leads me to assume that such evidence does not exist. If this assumption is correct, I request that the Commission take immediate steps to retract this statement and publicly acknowledge that it was not factually supported at the time it was made.

Respectfully,

/s/ Joslin Murphy
Town Counsel

Cc:
Board of Selectmen
Town Administrator