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PRESS RELEASE:

Bay State Stonewall Democrats Unanimously Vote to Call For Resignation of Boston Pride Board of Directors and to Support Activists and Former Committee Members Seeking Immediate Change

BOSTON -- Last evening, the Board of Directors of the Bay State Stonewall Democrats (BSSD) unanimously voted to approve a [resolution](#) calling for the resignation of Boston Pride Board of Directors. BSSD joins former Pride Committee Chairs, members, and activists in calling for the resignation of the Boston Pride Board of Directors in accordance with the [transition plan](#) developed by Pride Committee and community volunteers in order to begin the process of real representative, transformative, and restorative change and justice for LGBTQ+ communities of color and our community at large.

The resolution states that “The current makeup and selection process of the Boston Pride Board of Directors is not reflective of the greater LGBTQ+ community and has no seats guaranteed for the representation for LGBTQ+ community members who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), transgender and gender non-conforming, or representation of other marginalized communities.”

The resolution also calls for the current Board of Directors to refrain from spending additional funds until the transition team is in place. Any expenditures at this point in time would be inappropriate and would lead to further distrust in the current Board of Directors. BSSD has pledged to boycott Boston Pride 2021 if current members of the Board of Directors refuse to resign in accordance with the proposed transition plan.

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The Bay State Stonewall Democrats advocates for and represents the needs of the Massachusetts LGBTQ+ community to the Democratic Party, and advances its agenda by actively supporting candidates who receive the BSSD endorsement. We recruit and encourage LGBTQ+ participation within the Democratic Party to ensure the issues of our community and allies are seen, valued, and addressed.

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