

Earlier this week I received Arielle Faria's email of resignation from the Task Force Against Discrimination. You'll find it appended below. I responded to Arielle and shared her email with the rest of the Task Force. She's been such a valuable member of the TF, but as she notes in her email, she has multiple other commitments and wants to do justice to all of them.

Susanna J. Sturgis
Chair, WT TFAD

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Subject:Re: Wanted: Agenda items for July 11 meeting

Date:Wed, 5 Jul 2023 11:53:36 -0400

From:Arielle Faria <ariellereid80@gmail.com>

To:Susanna J. Sturgis <sjs@susannajsturgis.com>

Dear Susanna,

I hope this email finds you well. It is with a heavy heart that I write to resign from my position as a committee member for the West Tisbury Task Force against Discrimination, effective immediately. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the task force and believe wholeheartedly in the importance of the work being undertaken. However, due to my current commitments, I find it increasingly challenging to allocate the necessary time and effort required for this role.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside such passionate individuals dedicated to fostering a more inclusive and equitable community. The task force has made significant strides in raising awareness about discrimination and working towards its eradication on the island. The task force's commitment to promoting tolerance and respect has undoubtedly had a positive impact on the community, and I am proud to have contributed to these efforts.

Regrettably, my other commitments have significantly increased in recent months, demanding a substantial portion of my time and energy. Balancing these commitments with the responsibilities of the task force has become increasingly challenging, and I believe it would be unfair to both parties if I were to continue in my current capacity. It is essential for me to prioritize my existing obligations to ensure that I can fulfill them to the best of my abilities.

Please understand that this decision was not made lightly, as I genuinely value the work of the West Tisbury Task Force against Discrimination and the contributions of its members. I hope that my resignation does not in any way undermine the importance of the task force's mission. I am confident that the remaining committee members will continue to carry out the critical work of advocating for equality and combating discrimination in our community.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of this remarkable team and contribute to a cause that I hold dear to my heart.

Thank you once again for allowing me to serve on the West Tisbury Task Force against Discrimination. I wish you all continued success in your endeavors and look forward to following the progress of the task force in the future.

Sincerely,

Arielle Faria