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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

May 1, 2025

The Honorable City Council  
Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Members of the Council:

Pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 12, Section 105 of the Code of the City of Malden, I hereby appoint Laura Vlasuk, 69 East Street, Middleton, Massachusetts, as Health and Human Services Director, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and to expire on May 1, 2028. Laura will replace Chris Webb who recently retired.

Laura brings a wealth of experience to the city, having served for more than 10 years in public health leadership, policy development, and community-based service. Most recently, she served as the Director of the Newburyport Board of Health where she led initiatives in emergency preparedness, compliance with State Environmental Code, and developed public health strategies that significantly improved community outcomes.

Laura previously worked for the Malden Board of Health as a Senior Inspector, determining and processing abandoned properties, ensuring the habitability of rental units prior to being rented, and enforcing applicable health and safety codes for businesses. During that time and throughout her career, Laura has demonstrated a solid commitment to public service, providing leadership, and innovation. She has successfully built strong partnerships with local and state agencies and implemented programs that address the complex needs of diverse populations.

I am confident that Laura is the right leader for our Health and Human Services Department, and I look forward to the positive impact she will bring to our employees and our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**GARY CHRISTENSON**

Mayor

cc: Laura Vlasuk  
Odelisa Macedo, Human Resources Director