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To: Carol Ann Desiderio
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to show my support for the turf project at Roosevelt Park.

As we have heard multiple times throughout the planning stages of this project we need another multi-purpose field that can sustain a multitude of sports from preschool age children through adults. We have heard from the presidents of youth soccer and Pop Warner, our recreation department director, our public schools Athletic Director and many others that there is not enough field time for all of the activities being offered in Malden. With the growth of our recreation department, the addition of middle school athletics and the growing need from youth sports we need to show our community that Malden is taking steps to support these programs and want to see them continue to grow.

Salemwood students will be able to use the city park during the school day and not have to worry about a flooded muddy field if it rains. Athletic and youth teams won't have to worry about multi-day cancellations due to field conditions. The wear and tear on the field will be more sustainable with turf.

Surrounding cities and towns continue to build these beautiful turf fields and Malden deserves the same. As a parent that has traveled up and down the east coast for athletics I can tell you that just about all of the complexes we play in are turf regardless of the state.

I urge you to please vote in favor of this project.

Sincerely,

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