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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

June 24, 2021

Malden City Council  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

**RE: Oak Grove Community Center**

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached project to create a Master Plan and Feasibility Study for the Oak Grove Community Center which has been submitted to me by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). In reaching their recommendation, the CPC found that the project meets eligibility requirements and aligns with the priorities stated in Malden's Community Preservation Plan. This project was also the subject of a Public Hearing of the CPC held on June 9, 2021.

The proposal seeks to engage the community in the development of a Master Plan and Feasibility Study that will focus on the historical preservation and revitalization of this building. The goal of the project is to restore the structure to its original longstanding use as a community center for meetings, events and other civic uses. The plan includes a focus on improved accessibility, enhanced landscaping and bringing the building to code so that it can return to its public use.

Again, I support this request and believe that these funds will allow for the first phase in the process of restoring this asset. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**GARY CHRISTENSON**  
Mayor, City of Malden