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Dear mayor and city council,

I learned about MACI by way of a client who has chemical sensitivity. It's a support group for people whose lives have been devastated by exposure to chemicals in the environment, mostly out of their control. Some who are well off are able to move. Some live out of their cars. I have another client who lived in the woods. I've carried my concerns about chemical sensitivity not out of some abstract worry. Again, I have clients with chemical sensitivity, and I've attended MACI's meetings to meet new people as well.

I ask again that the city put aside it's callous disregard for the health of people who have chemical sensitivity and reconsider keeping grass at Roosevelt park for the 1200+ Salemwood students, adjacent neighbors, and residents who value that field as a walkable community asset, all who may be held captive audience if the field were to become acutely detrimental to their health.

I appreciate the council's consideration to keep the project design open so that grass may be installed in the future, but think about it, what will it take for the city to make that switch? Do not just consider finances. Please do not wait for the cost of public health which money cannot fix.

Regards.

[Governor Proclaims MCS Week - Massachusetts Association for the Chemically Injured \(MACI\) \(maci-mcs.org\)](#)

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