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**To:** [Council and Residents](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting on April 9, 2024. Written comment for File #160-24  
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Dear Council Ann Desautels,

I am writing a public comment for the City Council Meeting on April 9, 2024 regarding File #160-24. Please find it below the signature.

Sincerely,  
Tai

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My name is Tai Lam and I am the Secretary of Bike to the Sea. I live at 223 Oliver Street, Malden, MA.

For file #160-24 in the City Council Meeting on April 9, 2024, I am writing in favor of transferring the parcel of land from Hoff, Bakery to the City of Malden. This is because the parcel will continue to be used to further plans for the Bike Kitchens, which is being run by Bike to the Sea. The Bike Kitchens is two shipping containers that will house a future site in Malden as a social and gathering place. The grey container has many bike tools and relatively cheap consumable bike items, primarily bike tires, bike housing, and tire tubes. Users of the Bike Kitchens are encouraged to donate for these consumable items, and will be guided on how to do minor bike fixes from Bike Kitchens Staff volunteers in a safe and educational DIY space.

Last week, on Friday, April 5th, the Bike Kitchens had its Grand Opening Ceremony. About 50 people showed up, and surprisingly at a glance the majority of supporters who came out on that Friday morning were avid bikers and trail users, including the BU Cycle Kitchen, or BUCC, for short. On the following day, Saturday, April 6th, the Bike Kitchens opened for its first day of operations. Despite the drizzling rain, many curious people wanted to know more, or even placed on coming back during our open shop hours on Wednesdays (from 9pm to Saturday), from 10am-1pm.

There are already people who want to know more. Transferring ownership of the parcel would ensure that the Bike Kitchens will be a new vibrant social and gathering place in Malden. Please expedite this decision, and thank you for your time.

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