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Subject:	Fw: Support for Proposition 2½ Override to Protect Public Safety and Maintain Essential Police Services
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Hi all,

Can you please make sure this communication from the Malden Police Patrolmen's Association is added to the legislative record of the override paper? Thanks!

-Carey

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Dear Members of the Malden City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Malden Police Patrolmen's Association to respectfully express our strong support for the proposed Proposition 2½ override and to highlight the urgent need for additional resources to maintain public safety in our community.

As you know, Patrol division is the core of the Malden Police department and currently authorized for 78 officers, yet we have consistently operated below that number for many years. Staffing numbers will soon decrease even further with multiple confirmed retirements scheduled for the new year, likely reducing our staffing level to a number that is not sustainable for a city of Malden's size, demographics, or call volume.

This reduction will have significant impacts:

- Longer response times for emergency calls
- Fewer officers on the street, particularly during overnight and high-demand hours
- Increased strain on remaining personnel, contributing to burnout, overtime costs, and reduced retention
- Reduced capacity for proactive policing, community engagement, traffic enforcement, and specialized units
- Risks to officer safety, especially when staffing falls below minimum safe levels

The men and women of the Malden Police Patrolmen's Association are committed to serving this community with professionalism, compassion, and dedication. However, we cannot meet these expectations without adequate staffing and resources. An override would provide the financial stability needed to hire and train new officers, maintain essential public safety operations, and prevent further erosion of the services our residents rely upon.

We understand the difficult decisions facing the Council, but we believe that investing in public safety is an investment in the quality of life for every resident, business owner, and visitor in Malden. Ensuring that our department remains properly staffed is not only a matter of keeping pace with retirements—it is a matter of protecting the safety and wellbeing of the entire community.

On behalf of the patrolmen and the entire department, we respectfully urge the City Council to support the Proposition 2½ override.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and continued dedication to the City of Malden.

Sincerely,
Patrick Kinnon / Vice president
Malden Police Patrolmen's Association

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