

Commonwealth of Massachusetts EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING & LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

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Via email: mayor@cityofmalden.org

January 11, 2024

Honorable Mayor Gary Christenson City of Malden Malden City Hall 215 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148

Re: Malden- District Compliance Application for MBTA Communities under Section 3A of the Zoning Act

Dear Mayor Gary Christenson:

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) received a district compliance application from Malden submitted electronically on December 27, 2023. The application requests that EOHLC grant a determination of compliance for certain multifamily zoning district(s) (District), based on the criteria set forth in the Compliance Guidelines for Multi-family Zoning Districts Under Section 3A of the Zoning Act (Guidelines). Congratulations on developing and adopting the multi-family zoning necessary to reach this step.

EOHLC staff will conduct a thorough review of the application to determine whether the District meets Section 3A's requirements. The review includes an analysis of the District and how it addresses the requirements found in the Guidelines. Because we received your District Compliance Application prior to the Rapid Transit Communities deadline, during the review by EOHLC staff, Malden remains in Interim Compliance with Section 3A. During the review process, it is likely that EOHLC staff will contact your staff designated in the application to clarify the application or request additional information. Within 30 days after submittal, EOHLC staff will communicate to confirm that the application is complete or identify missing components.

At the conclusion of its review, EOHLC may determine that the District meets all requirements of Section 3A and the Guidelines, or there may be specific items that must be addressed for Malden to comply. The EOHLC team remains committed to continuing the partnership with Malden during the development of your district.

If you have questions or need further assistance regarding this process, please contact MBTA Communities Compliance Coordinator Nathan Carlucci, at nathan.carlucci@mass.gov.

Sincerely,

Caroline "Chris" Kluchman

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Acting Direction, Community Services Division

cc: Senator Jason Lewis

Representative Paul Donato

Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian

Representative Steven Ultrino