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Gary Christenson, Mayor

October 21, 2021

Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

RE: Wallace Memorial Park

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached project to preserve and restore the wall at Wallace Memorial Park presented 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 is supported by the Historical Commission and was also the subject of a Public Hearing of the CPC held on May 19, 2021 and on October 20, 2021.

This request for \$50,000 is to supplement the funds that were previously approved for this project. As you may recall, back in June of this year, \$150,000 of funding was approved by the City Council to preserve and repair the wall at Wallace Park. However, the bids for the project came in higher than originally anticipated and more than the amount of the original grant. A supplementary funding application was filed and the CPC's recommendation for approval is attached. This matter is time sensitive given the imminent deadline for acceptance of a bid from the current bidding process.

Again, the additional funding is necessary to move this important project forward. I fully support the request and believe that it will help preserve one of Malden's historical assets. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden