

From: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
To: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
Subject: FW: ELC Project Testimony
Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:01:42 PM

From: Tovah Miller <mtovahmiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 1:55 PM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio <CDesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Cc: Marilyn Andrews <marilyn1850@gmail.com>; Maria Luise <mluise@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: ELC Project Testimony

Hi Carol Ann,
Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it to tonight's meeting but I would like to submit my thoughts on the ELC project. Please let me know if there's any information you need from me.
Thanks,
Tovah
Member Disability Commission
46 Converse Ave, #3

The benefits of fostering an inclusive environment for all people who live in and visit Malden are well-established and documented. I am a proud (albeit relatively new) Malden resident in large part because of its proven dedication to inclusivity that is evident around every corner. I strongly believe that we cannot truly ingrain inclusivity in the future of our community if we don't create accessible and welcoming places for our young people to play and learn together and this new ELC playground project does exactly that. Due to the incredible and unparalleled diversity of Malden schools, our young people, with and without disabilities, have the opportunity to learn how to work out conflicts peacefully and respectfully by listening to their peers' ideas and learning from their varied lived experiences and feelings.