



Gary Christenson, Mayor

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Malden City Council
Attn: Debbie DeMaria, President
110 Pleasant Street, Third Floor
Malden, MA 02148

Dear President DeMaria:

I write in support of the paper submitted by Councillors Paul Condon and Ryan O'Malley. The proposal designates any revenue generated from Community Impact Fees negotiated in the Community Host Agreements with marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers toward public health expenses.

We are constantly attempting to find ways to expand our response to important public health matters such as substance abuse treatment/recovery and mental health issues. I believe there is no better opportunity to address these concerns than with the potential adoption of a marijuana ordinance.

A portion of these funds should also be directed toward our schools to further support the opioid education program already in progress thanks to the Attorney General's Office. It can also help with the impending school based school center which will provide wrap around health services to our students at Malden High School.

Again, I write in support of the efforts of Councillors Condon and O'Malley and urge the Council to vote on this important initiative before finalizing the proposed marijuana ordinance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden

cc: Councillor Ryan O'Malley
Councillor Paul Condon
Christopher Webb, Health Department