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Gary Christenson, Mayor

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Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

RE: Converse Memorial Building Archives Project (Phase 2)

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached project to create an archive for historical documents in the Converse Memorial Building of the Malden Public Library that was presented to me by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).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 was also the subject of a Public Hearing of the CPC held on June 9, 2021.

Malden boasts a rich and storied history, and the Converse Memorial Building is home to a vast collection of materials that date from the town's establishment in 1630 up to the present day. The building includes archive storage as well as sections for rare books, art, and all the collections of the Malden Historical Society. Most recently, the Library received a substantial amount of new materials from City Hall (after the move from 200 Pleasant Street), the Masonic Temple and the First Church. The proposed project will restore and rehabilitate areas within the building so as to create a safe and secure environment for all these valuable pieces of history. This is for Phase 2 of the project and specifically involves the purchase and installation of mobile shelving.

Again, I fully support this request and believe that it perfectly aligns with Malden's motto, *Strong Past, Proud Future*. It will help preserve our City's history so that future generations can enjoy and learn from it. I am attaching the CPC's Funding Recommendation and please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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