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To: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
Subject: Comments for Open City Council Meeting Today
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Hello Ms. Desiderio,

Please see attached several comments for the record in response to the open budget meeting today. The youths have requested not disclosing their names and streets to the record. I have transcribed them below for your convenience.

Dear City Council, My name is Thomas and I live in Malden at Dianas View. I am also a GMAACC youth leader. I wanted to ask why it was necessary for you to cut the entire language access position. You gave very little notice.

My name is Alex and I live on Wescott St. As a GMAACC Youth Leader I am against the cutting of the language access coordinator position. Language access as a whole is significantly important to all people throughout their lives and community. Without language, we wouldn't be able to communicate properly with a lot of people we meet and converse with everyday. More access to language leads to newly discovered connections/communications which can lead to influential/significant changes that benefit our society. Altogether, having more language access helps us as a community unite. As someone fortunate enough to have language access to the point where I've made so many connections/friends it has positively impacted my life/relationships and I could not be more grateful. As for questions, do you think cutting positions rather than earning the money elsewhere is beneficial/efficient? Why?

Dear City Council, how would non-English speakers access city resources without English language classes? This would greatly harm the community as Malden is one of the most diverse cities out there. This could greatly discourage people to come to Malden if they don't have any opportunities to get better. I am Ryan and I'm against cutting the language access coordinator position.

To the city council: My name is Sriman and I live on Hancock Street. I am also a GMAACC youth leader, and I am against the cutting of the language access coordinator position. Malden is a very diverse city, and if positions like this are cut, it would put a huge portion of this city in a really rough situation. It will decrease participation in public events, because many people who can't yet speak English well may not be informed about events.

To the city council: My name is Andy and I live on Stadium Road. I am also a GMAACC youth leader, and I am against the cutting of the language access coordinator position. Language access allows all cultures and races to partake in city council affairs and isn't this nation build on freedom and equality? Well then language is one of if not the most important in connecting communities and bringing equality.

My name is Satvinder and I live on Ferry St. I am also a GMAACC youth leader. As GMAACC, I am against the cutting of the language access coordinator position. I wish to feel empowered by having my voice heard. It is especially important to have an opportunity for people to actually participate in the community.

Hello City Council: My name is Terrance and I live on Main St. I am a GMAACC youth leader and as a youth leader I am against the cutting of the language access coordinator position. I am wondering why the position was cut and what will happen to those who have been cut. Also, What will happen to the language access position since it is important to our community with how diverse the Malden community is. Getting rid of it will only handicap those who are in need of language access, removing lots of participation from community members.

To the City Council:

My name is Cheryl. I live on Coleman Street. I am also a GMAACC Youth Leader. As a GMAACC Youth Leader, I am against the cutting of the language access coordinator position. Language access is very important and allows for many who are not fluent in English to be able to to complete many important documents and also express themselves. Learning a new language is very difficult and takes a lot of time. This position should not be cut or taken in such a light way. Why did the entire position have to be cut? it doesn't make sense to me since Malden has such big diversity in its families and benefits greatly from this. I heard that this job will be transferred and added onto another position but this doesn't seem to be very efficient as it is not a very easy job. Will there be support for this person or a new group? Last year, GMAACC went to see and learned about this position as we were working towards a new language at Malden High School. My family also personally has had trouble with some documents or even just speaking about things that don't come up in daily life. Translating for me is not easy or for my siblings. Even though my mom is able to understand, write, read, and talk with a good proficiency, translating some words is not easy, so I can understand how many people who may not understand English very well will find it even more difficult. I propose finding a new grant for the language access coordinator position.

My name is Henry Xue and I live on Alden St. I am also a GMAACC youth leader. As a youth leader, I am against the cutting of the language Access Coordinator Position. This position is very important to us because our community is very diverse. We all came from different backgrounds. Some of them know English but not all so we should not leave those people who don't know it out. We should help them and encourage them to be part of Malden. It is very important to me because I have to do translation for my parents and my grandparents. By doing that, it helps them out a lot. But some other people don't have that privilege and that is why we need this position to help out those people. We should find funding for this important position. Question: Why are we cutting positions just to make other people's lives harder?

To the city council:

My name is Ryan and I live on Central Ave in Malden. I am also a GMAACC Youth Leader. As a GMAACC Youth Leader, I am strongly against the cutting of the language access coordinator. Malden prides itself on being among the top five most diverse cities in the state, with Malden High School ranking as the #1 most diverse public high school. Every day, the streets of the city are filled with dozens of families coming from various backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles. The lack of a language access coordinator would not only disrupt the voices of Malden residents, but also shake the foundations of the city as a whole. Throughout my experiences with volunteering or hosting community events, I have witnessed dozens of individuals lost, struggling to grasp and understand the sheer amount of English words being thrown at them. Language barriers are some of the strongest walls dividing humankind which is why solutions that overcome these obstacles should be encouraged, not weakened. Therefore, I hope everyone considers the consequences of making this decision. Thank you!

I appreciate your receipt of these comments. Some of the youth will also be at the meeting to speak. Thank you!

Best,
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