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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Malden City Council  
Attn: Debbie DeMaria, President  
110 Pleasant Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for your consideration and approval of the consolidation of our City Charter.

As you know, one of our longstanding goals has been to organize and consolidate the Charter in a format for publication. This summer, we engaged former City Clerk Karen Anderson and former Clerk of Committees Sheila Fermano to work with our Communications Director Ron Cochran on a conversion that would allow our residents to access the document on our city's website. I would like to thank them for their work for in addition to being accessible, they also took the step of formatting the Charter so that it is now easier to navigate and understand.

I believe that each of you has had the opportunity to meet with Karen individually, review the finished product and have your questions addressed. We are asking that you now approve the consolidation of the Charter for publication to the residents and for use as a basis for prospective charter revisions. As you know, several sections are outdated and no longer apply to today's administration of city government. In the coming months, we can discuss constituting a committee to review the document in depth and propose changes. Our hope is to have Karen lead us in what will be an extensive and public process.

Thank you for your consideration. If you should have any questions, please contact Maria Luise in our office.

Sincerely,

**GARY CHRISTENSON**

Mayor, City of Malden

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