



Dear Community Preservation Committee,

This letter is written in support of the FitzGerald Park. My Little Best Friends Early Learning Center is a child care program that cares for children, from 2 months to 5 years-old; and we use the FitzGerald Park a lot for the children and for the different events. This park has been a big part of our school, we are so happy to have this space for our school to use. Having our school located in the heart of the city, it's great for us to have a playground close to us, where our students don't have to walk far. The FitzGerald Park was the greatest thing that ever happened for us. Our school has enjoyed that park tremendously. The children love going to that park on a daily basis during school time and after school. We have many families that we see gather at this park daily after picking the children up. It's great to know that our students have a park that is close by for them to go to. We also have lots of events at the park, such as our annual Father's day and Mother's day party, the parents really enjoy it as well.

Best regards,

Hilda Torres

My Little Best Friends Early Learning Center

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support the expansion of the pocket park located at Fitzgerald Park on exchange St. Malden.

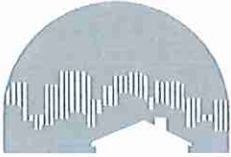
I am a former President of Malden Arts and also a parent who has witnessed first hand the amount of joy this park brings. It is used by local daycares for recreation, adults of passive recreation and rest, non-profits for story times, and so much more.

With an expansion, it would be able to serve more of our community and continue to grow our downtown area.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ariane JS Taylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ariane JS Taylor  
Former President Malden Arts



Deborah A. Burke  
*Executive Director*

# Malden Redevelopment Authority

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Malden Community Preservation Committee  
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Dear Community Preservation Committee:

The Malden Redevelopment Authority (MRA) enthusiastically supports the City's application for CPC funding to make improvements at FitzGerald Park.

The MRA currently owns the CBD Garage and the attached FitzGerald Park. The property will be transferred to the City as part of the merger of the MRA and the City, which merged the MRA into the City departmental structure as the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and transferred MRA assets to the City of Malden.

The MRA was established by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1958 as a quasi-public agency, and since that time it has worked closely with the City of Malden. Through the latter half of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st, the MRA served as Malden's community and economic development and urban planning agency. In addition to administering the federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME grants, the MRA oversaw development in urban renewal areas and managed a variety of public works improvement projects, including parks, public facilities, and infrastructure.

As the property owner the MRA is fully in support of this project and looks forward to building on the good work done by this department in completing the first phase of renovations to FitzGerald Park in 2018. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Burke  
Executive Director

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