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Request for your comment on Appeal of Appeals Court No. 25-P-235

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November 16, 2026

Dear Malden City Officials,
We are writing on behalf of Malden News Network with a question and a related public records request.

Question: The City Charter vests executive power in the Mayor and City Council (§§ 2, 10, 12) and provides for the Council to choose the City Solicitor (§ 14), but we have not found a provision stating ***who may authorize the City to Appeal an Appeals Court Ruling***.

Please identify the Charter section, ordinance, statute, or policy that governs an ***Appeal of an Appeals Court Slip Opinion*** (specifically No. 25-P-235, City of Malden v. Supervisor of Public Records, decided Nov. 3, 2026) which consolidated the following lower court cases:

- 2481CV02456, City of Malden v. Manza Arthur, Supervisor of Public Records, et al. (filed 9/13/24)
- 2481CV03069, City of Malden v. William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, et al. (filed 11/21/24)
- 2481CV03277, City of Malden v. Manza Arthur, Supervisor of Records, et al. (filed 12/16/24)

Herewith, please accept the following formal public records request under G.L. c. 66, § 10:

Please provide the following records, including emails and other electronic communications:

1. Any City Council or School Committee agenda, executive session notice or order, minutes, vote, or motion that refers to, authorizes, approves, or ratifies any ***Appeal of Appeals Court No. 2025-P-0235***, including executive session minutes to the extent they may be released in part or whole. If a record is posted online, a link is sufficient;
2. Any written policy, protocol, resolution, or delegation (other than the City Charter, Code of Ordinances, and General Laws) that governs who may authorize an ***Appeal of an Appeals Court Ruling***;
3. Any email communication between the Malden City Solicitor - or any attorney hired or on retainer to represent the City or MPS in any of its public records litigation - and defendants;
4. Any email exchanged between the Mayor and any member of the City Council regarding an ***Appeal of an Appeals Court Slip Opinion*** (specifically No. 25-P-235);
5. Any written authorization for funding an Appeal of an Appeals Court Slip Opinion (specifically No. 25-P-235) - whether by email, meeting minutes, or text message;
6. Any email exchanged between the Mayor and the MPS Superintendent regarding an ***Appeal of an Appeals Court Slip Opinion*** (specifically No. 25-P-235).

For the above items, please search from 11/1/26 through the date you conduct the search.

We ask for electronic copies. As a news organization seeking records in the public interest, I request a fee waiver under G.L. c. 66, § 10(d). If you decline, please send a written fee estimate before doing any work. If any record or portion is withheld, please identify the specific exemption relied on, as § 10(b)(iv) requires, and release all segregable portions. If no responsive record exists for an item, please say so in writing.

We look forward to your response within 10 business days.

Sincerely,
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