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Daniel Bertrand, Director of Administration and Communications
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Division of Local Services
100 Cambridge Street, 7th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Mr. Bertrand,

This letter is in reference to a Community Compact Best Practices economic development grant awarded to the Town of Norwood on December 21, 2017. I am contacting you to inform you that we have completed work on the economic development self-assessment project and have spent all of the \$25,000 grant. I have also enclosed copies of the invoices and the account inquiry that shows all of the payments made to expend the grant funds. The Town contracted with Brovits Community Planning to develop Zoning Map and Zoning Bylaw amendments that allow for mixed use development at greater density than previously allowed, in the Norwood Central Business Zoning District. We worked with our Planning Consultant for over a year to craft Zoning amendments that will spur economic development and reinvestment in downtown Norwood. The project involved extensive community engagement and resulted in an overwhelming vote of approval at the April 2019 Special Town Meeting. A certified copy of the Town Meeting vote is attached also with a copy of the approved Zoning Bylaw amendment. I would like to thank you and the Baker Administration for providing the grant funding for this important economic development initiative. Please contact me if you need any other information to close out this Best Practice grant.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Halkiotis".

Paul Halkiotis, AICP
Director of Planning & Economic Development