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Mark Armstrong, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee  
Planning Department, Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA

Dear Chairperson Armstrong and Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the need to replace the fencing at the Jackson Homestead. Together with Historic Newton's Executive Director Lisa Dady, we are requesting the funds for the fence purchase and installation. Representatives from both of our departments will be coordinating this project including project oversight. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department (PRC) customarily assists with CPC project work when we have the expertise to contribute.

During these times of socially distancing, PRC has strived to keep as many parks and open space areas accessible to the public. We understand the need for people to get outside, explore nature, and get some fresh air. The Jackson Homestead is a site that is frequented by residents looking for historical and cultural experiences. Having this site available for community enjoyment during these times is so important and allows for people to experience Newton's cherished assets while feeling safe.

With your support for this project our Grounds Superintendent Derek Mannion will work alongside Lisa Dady to ensure that the replacement fencing is installed in a timely manner with minimal disruption to prospective guests.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely

*Nicole Banks*

Parks, Recreation & Culture Commissioner

Cc: Lisa Dady, Historic Newton Executive Director  
Derek Mannion, Superintendent of Maintenance