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Members of Newton's Community Preservation Committee:

This letter of support is being provided by the boards of directors of Newton Girls Soccer and Newton Youth Soccer for the "*Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Plan Construction Phase FY 2023-2025*" sponsored by the Newton Park, Recreation and Culture department. These proposed initiatives will start us on the path for much needed facility improvements that enable the recreation opportunities for Newton residents.

Youth sports in Newton rely on the Parks, Recreation and Culture department to provide athletic fields and facilities for the thousands of our children who play soccer and other sports. Our organizations have long advocated for increased and consistent investment to upgrade our athletic fields so that they are on par with neighboring communities.

We are optimistic that the improvements delivered by these projects will take the first step to equitable access to high quality athletic facilities for Newton's Youth Athletic programs.

Sincerely,

Newton Girls Soccer Board of Directors
Newton Youth Soccer Board of Directors