INSERT DATE

INSERT COUNCILORS NAME

INSERT COUNCILOR’S ADDRESS

INSERT CITY, STATE, ZIP

Dear Councilor INSERT COUNCILOR LAST NAME,

I am writing to you today out of my concern for the condition of some of Worcester’s most historic treasures that are currently owned by the city. I ask that you help ensure these structures are protected and, hopefully, restored.

**The Barn at Hope Cemetery**

Hope Cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1855, when the cemetery was developed, Webster street was just a country lane. The barn was built in 1882. Old timber frame barns such as this are recognized as an endangered building type throughout New England. Surviving urban barns are relatively rare. Today, the barn is suffering from neglect and deferred maintenance. As one of the few remaining historic structures within the cemetery, I implore that you find resources available to help protect and restore this fine building.

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**Pillars and Monuments**

Throughout the city, one can see examples of these interesting and often ornate structures that marked the entrances to the many neighborhoods of the early 20th century. These neighborhoods were often connected to two real estate developers during this period: Thomas E. O’Connell and Edward V. Haines who are credited with developing desirable residential neighborhoods in Worcester. The pillars that still stand today are suffering from disrepair. Many residents are unaware of the historical significance of these structures. I am asking that you find the resources to help repair and protect these amazing pieces of history. They can be found at:

* Chamberlain Parkway Entrance and 2 Benches
* Pillars at Entrances:
	+ Devens St. Coventry Rd.
	+ Thorndyke Rd. Monterey Rd.
	+ Brighton Rd. Coburn/ Woodrow Rd
	+ Palisades St. Dallas St./Touraine St.
	+ Dallas St/Woodrow Rd
* 227 Burncoat Street: The present stone wall is the original to the farming period fieldstone wall encased in cement by O'Connell.

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Thank you for taking the time to review my request.

Sincerely,

INSERT YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME

INSERT YOUR ADDRESS