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Good afternoon,

I am writing in opposition of agenda item 23-0673 as a concerned citizen. I am currently attending the University of La Crosse-Wisconsin, and I have lived in this area my entire life. I think that we have some tremendous parks that are unable to be used by children or families because there are homeless individuals there. However, they have no other place to go. If there were adequate measures in place to house or place these individuals, this would be a different story, but there are none. I think that expanding the definition of "camping" to more easily displace individuals, fine them, and dispose of their belongings is unbelievably absurd. The beds at the local shelter are always full, and there is no other place for them to go beyond parks, parking garages, and sidewalks. On top of that, fining them will only make their position more precarious. I find it hard to believe that this is even in the question of a decision that is being made in our city.

Respectfully,

Zach DeGroot