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Hi
Below is my objection letter.

October 13, 2021

Hello
I am Debra Howe. My husband Jeff, son Jaden, and I have lived at 2596 7th street for 8 years although we have lived and worked in the La Crosse community our whole lives. I am here today to ask you to NOT approve this petition or ordinance to rezone the parcels at 2575 7th Street aka Eagle Crest Riverside. There will be no controls in place to prevent the entire 3.5 acres across from single- family homes to be developed into 4 plus story buildings. Eagle Crest South IS at 622 Bennora Lee Court. It is located on the north side of Swift Creek along the walking trail. Rezoned R6 and built "a" 4 story building.
Fast forward 2 years. A second building was built. Not "A" four-story building. A 5-story with underground parking and a pitched roof sitting on top of an additional 5-8 foot mound of Structural fill. Dirt, necessary to ensure the foundation is adequate for "A" 5-story building.
Drive across the little bridge over Swift Creek and you are now on Green Island. An island with water on all sides. Swift Creek on the north/east side and Coleman Slough to the South West.
To the left, single family homes. The Ericksons. Buchner. The Pierces. Dryers. Kratts. Gollnick. Howes. Von Rudens. Hengels. and Schaller's to name a few. These single-family homes property values were reassessed a few years ago. Our modest 3 bedroom built in 2000 went up 64,000 dollars or around 3,000 in property taxes per year. Across the street is Bethany Riverside, now Eagle Crest Riverside.
Before us, as a community today, is another petition to rezone Eagle Crest Riverside to R6 to allow for the building of "a" four story building. A single building. The mound for the foundation will need to be 5-8 feet to ensure the foundation is adequate especially when building on land which is surrounded by water on all sides.
Green Island is not Losey Blvd or even 7th to the north. It is a neighborhood where retirees, business owners, and other hard working middle class people call home. (with the exception of the drug runners who go between the white apartment down the street and Houska park, but that in itself is another effort for our community).
As you all know when a parcel is rezoned, or in this case 2 parcels are rezoned, there are no assurances or requirements in place that the riparian owner will build what is stated on the petition. In this case a 4 story building. If the petition is approved, it is being approved to allow up to 10 stories. The owner will tell us, "we are not going to build a 10 story" but the owner will not say what will be built on the property in the future. Only that they have no plans. Likely true, right now, there are no set plans, as in the case of 622 Benora Lee Court in which ultimately a 5 story building was built. If the zoning to R6 is passed, there will be no controls in place to prevent the entire 3.5 acres across from single family homes to be developed into 4 plus story buildings.
I respectfully appeal to you to please vote NOT to approve this petition and ordinance.
Thank you for your time.

Debra Howe