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Dear Mayor Reynolds and Council Members,

I hope everyone is doing well. I know you all have a lot on your plate, and I appreciate you taking time to consider my email.

I am reaching out today to express my support for the Board of Park Commissioners temporary designation of Houska Park as a campground. As a former council member and former member of the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness, I have had the opportunity to work on these issues and see first hand the complicated nature of homelessness and the role our city plays in supporting this issue. We all know these are incredibly difficult issues to solve, and most of the time, feel like a no win situation.

Plain and simple, we need somewhere for folks to go, to be as safe as possible, to be in one regulated space where services can be offered, where medical care can be delivered, while service agencies work to find housing. I commend the Parks Department for addressing this issue head on and trying new and radical ideas to assist in caring for all of our community members.

I appreciate your service to the city. Truly. Thank you.

Be well,

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