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To the City of La Crosse,

I am writing today with my concerns of the rezoning of the brick building located in Riverside Park to become an event center.

I am saddened to learn that in anyway this will become another legalized location for alcohol consumption in our city. We have to consider the fact that this is a safe area for our families to gather and enjoy an outing in the park or the international gardens. This is a true gem of our community. It is fantastic to see so many of our community members enjoying a leisurely walk or picnic. Many musicians enjoy practicing in the gazebo. Kayakers enjoy the ride down the La Crosse river and exit by the garden entrance. Bikers and runners can be seen year round enjoying the trails. It's a place of solitude for so many.

Please do not turn our place of solitude for our well being and mental health into another money maker for a few. We don't need another venue place for certain groups. We need a place of solitude for all to enjoy. Don't drive us away from our park for others to enjoy and make money. We already have those on the water now. The Waterfront, The Radison, The Charmont and last but not least the new La Crosse renovation.

Help us save an area for those of us who just enjoy the daily solitude of our park. That is what it was meant to be. A walk with nature and a place to unwind our mind.

Please consider a few small businesses that would benefit from the location like a photography studio, an art studio, an icecream shop. A kayaking company in the garage area that would transport you to the landing and let you enjoy the ride to Riverplace on the La Crosse River. These could be enjoyed by so many community members, and not infringe on the well being of our ability to enjoy our solitude of nature.

Please don't take away the beauty of our park for profit of others. This is such a beautiful respite that so many enjoy and make a destination.

Thank you for thinking of all the people who love our "walk" in the park.

Sincerely,
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P. S. I do live in Riverplace and love it here. I chose it 10 years ago because of the location. I have seen many changes in that time, and all for the betterment of the tranquility and enjoyment of a fantastic park. Yes a venue would definitely affect my building, but more so the people that I see on a daily basis enjoy the fantastic experience of being able to enjoy nature at it's best. I have the view of the La Crosse river and the Bluffs.

I love watching people feel free to enjoy the beauty of what nature can give them. We talk about wanting to help people with mental health issues. Don't take this much needed space from them. I watch the elderly come here. I watch the young families come with little ones. All enjoying a stroll. Think of how they will feel. Not relaxed in a place where all of a sudden they are the outsider intruding on a party paying to be there.

I watch many wedding parties taking pictures. Senior pictures, engagement pictures and family pictures being taken in our gardens.

This will all change if we have venues taking place in our favorite spot of nature and solitude.

I hope that you consider the everyday use and consider the fact that not all can afford the venue you are about consider for profit. This is one piece for profit that our community needs to stay "safe" and "free" for all to enjoy.

Thank you.