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Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed Biergarten and wedding venue for Riverside Park.

While initially I thought this would be a fun idea, the more I learned about it, the more I really dislike the idea. A wedding venue would not allow for the park to feel free and open to all. Further, a Biergarten is simply more of the same from 3rd street. I would much rather enjoy a historic site with a coffee or ice cream shop, where visitors and residents alike can learn more about the beautiful city they are in, and perhaps grab a coffee while enjoying a stroll around the park. The Biergarten does not allow for as much of a family-friendly atmosphere, and wedding venues make it seem more closed off to the public for most beautiful Saturdays during the summer and fall.

I recently moved back to La Crosse after being away for 3 years in California. I have noticed that since my return, Riverside Park is much more busy with people enjoying the greenery and river, which is very exciting. It's so nice to see this city come alive, and I would love to see this tradition continue by making sure that businesses nearby that allow for the most people to enjoy them, especially our loyal residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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