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Hi,

I'm not sure your family history in la crosse, but to many locals, riverside is our spot. It's a spot to get away with your family, to bring the kids to. I enjoyed many many nights walking riverside and I plan to keep doing so, so long as it is not taken up by a beer garden. We have enough alcohol servers in la crosse, what we need is something for families there. I hope you take into consideration the families that have been using riverside as a place to be together for generations. As a child my family would not take me into many places where drinking culture was displayed, so even if they still "served food" as many bars have been able to get a license on this premise, it still is not family friendly. My family reunion recently, which included over 400 guests a couple weeks ago could've utilized a kayak rental, snack/little lunch shop, or something different. Anyway, please hear out the community about this proposal and think about the children, to some riverside is their only escape. Alcohol is always dangerous when put in the wrong hands, especially with children around. Yes 3rd street is a couple blocks away but it has always been separated. I never expect to see people drinking/drun in riverside and would like to keep it that way for my current and future family. Additionally, I am a resident and worker in the downtown community. We do not need more bars. Let the already established taverns do what they do but keep 3rd street and riverside separate.

I just want riverside to stay safe. It has always been a family friendly spot to enjoy the incredible beauty la crosse offers us.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my opinion.

- Maria Rudrud