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From: Kabat, Tim
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Lehrke, Teri; Elsen, Nikki
Cc: Cavadini, Caley
Subject: FW: Withdraw Petition for Change to Zoning - building 508 5th Ave S, LC

Hi Teri and Nikki,

Please see email from Catholic Charities regarding withdrawal of their rezoning petition.

Sincerely,

Tim

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Dear Mayor Kabat,

Through this letter Catholic Charities Diocese of La Crosse formally withdraws its Petition for Change to Zoning for the building located on 508 5th Ave. South, La Crosse 54601.

Nevertheless, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the misstatement made yesterday at the hearing and state the following:

1. Catholic Charities DLC contacted the Washburn Neighborhood Association in May of 2020. We had two meetings via Zoom, the first with their Board of Directors and the second with members of the community that wanted to participate. No resolution was taken, but some of the people attending the meeting mentioned their support.
2. Council members stated that all neighbors opposed CCDLC occupying the building. The record shows that only 14 addresses objected and 15 had no comment.

3. One of the neighbors said that we were planning to have 200 beds in the building. Again, we planned to offer services during the day only, as stated in our proposal.
4. In regards to police visits at these locations. It was assumed last night that all of the police call to our locations were due to TWP – trouble with party. Police calls also included welfare checks, attempt to locate, follow-up calls, and community policing activity. Community policing activity is a strategy that focuses on building trust between citizens and law enforcement through mutual understanding and collaboration.

At Catholic Charities, we want to help improve the community. Our work is with the most vulnerable members of society. It is a long process, it's not only about providing a place to sleep, but it is about working with the entire person to help them overcome the obstacles that caused their mayhem.

With COVID and unemployment increasing, my question is, what is the community going to do? Are we to leave people on the street?

Sincerely

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