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**Subject:** City Council Vote Regarding Unsheltered Population

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As residents of the Town of Campbell, we are writing this email to you in opposition to housing the unsheltered in the Town of Campbell at the Norwood Inn.

I've worked in downtown La Crosse for 42 years and I have seen firsthand the destruction and chaos that the homeless have caused. I have watched the City workers clean up broken windows, paint stairwells that have had a fire started in them, and clean up massive amounts of garbage. I don't think I have to go on. You all know what housing the homeless entails.

We think you also have a duty to the tax-paying citizens. Theft and property damage are only a couple more problems that would need to be dealt with. Our police force on French Island, Town of Campbell, is not 24/7/365 for ourselves, much less an additional at-risk population. At times it has been dangerous downtown on the streets and in the parking ramps. We don't want that in our neighborhood. Safety is a major concern as we watch people walking their dogs and children riding their bikes and playing in our neighborhoods.

Housing the homeless at the Norwood Inn is not in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Campbell. The Norwood Inn itself raises many concerns as a location to use for shelter of the homeless. As I understand it, the Norwood Inn is probably similar to American's Best Value Inn, which we all know was torn down due to deficiencies.

Greg and Nancy Johnson