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Dear City Council,

I moved to La Crosse from Woodbury, MN in 2021. In 2022 I purchased a home in the Holy Trinity-Longfellow neighborhood. I live two blocks from the former South Community Library. I felt rich to have a library within walking distance. I used it often and loved having it as part of my neighborhood experience.

Sadly, the library closed last year. I am grateful the Northside library remains open. My daughter and grandson live on the Northside.

I have attended meetings about the proposed sale of the South Library. I was grateful for the work done to maintain this beautiful building as a Historic Landmark.

I learned yesterday that Mayor Reynolds is appealing the Historic Landmark designation.

I am devastated. Beyond devastated. Why ask for neighborhood input when it will just be disregarded.

I pay more than \$400 a month in property taxes. And now I face the fact that my neighborhood beauty and peace may be destroyed possibly by a big box apartment building?!? Yes, I understand the need for housing. I experienced the shortage and high costs of housing when I moved here in 2021. I supported that the library be transformed into housing. BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF DESTROYING THE BUILDING AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Please consider the residents - homeowners and renters alike. Please do not turn your backs on the 540 signatures in support of repurposing the building.

I object to the Mayor's appeal.

Sincerely,
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