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Dear City Council Members,

My husband and I have recently learned of a proposal by the City of La Crosse to purchase the Norwood Inn on French Island to house the homeless. This would be a complete disaster! The Town of Campbell is not equipped nor has the resources required to handle an influx of homeless individuals.

It would require increased police presence and patrols, there are no medical care or other services available at all, not to mention the horrendous mess that would be left behind for the Town to clean up.

My husband and I have some experience with cleaning up after the homeless. They invaded a house we had purchased for my daughter on the Northside of La Crosse.

The neighbors called the police as we were unaware of the situation. The police in turn called us. A group had broken in through a window and trashed the property. There were needles, drug paraphernalia, feces, urine, garbage, broken glass, etc. The smell was horrible. And all of this damage occurred within about a week.

I also have great concern for my grandchildren's safety as they live just a few blocks from the Norwood. They along with some of their friends have been in fear of walking by the homeless when walking home from school.

I don't know the solution to the homeless problem, but I do know that housing them in the Norwood is NOT the answer.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,
Susan Applebury

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