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To whom it regards,

My name is Luke and I am a resident of downtown La Crosse. While I do not live in this neighborhood I do have friends that live here. We frequently go for walks with his dog and we find it not only to be inconvenient- but dangerous to have to walk in the street, especially with a puppy that was being leash trained still. We see kids constantly walking or riding their bikes down the street having to share the roads with traffic. We do see people using the sidewalks currently in place very frequently.

I have closely been following this as it has progressed and I have listened to the other neighbors and their concerns- and I find their reasons to be incredibly selfish and lazy. Their gardens are all planted in the public right of way with no permits to approve them. They also just simply don't want to have to shovel. I also do not feel they did a good job of canvassing the neighborhood asking who is in favor or not of the sidewalks. When you look at the petition you can also see they excluded houses that already have sidewalks. Why do they not have any sort of say? I also know for a fact there are more people on 29th st that are in favor of the sidewalks! If you vote to stop the sidewalks I feel it is the equivalent of saying that families and people with disabilities are not welcome in this neighborhood.

These sidewalks were also already approved many of times over. They were recommended as high priority in the safe routes to school plan, listed as priority two and three in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and as well in the 2024 CIP.

I am urging you all to vote against this item to move forward with the instillation of the sidewalks! Sidewalks are always a good thing!

Thank you,
Luke