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For your consideration:

I am writing to you in support of Resolution File# 24-0701. I also support the consideration of a longer term and other possible options and solutions which will benefit the City of La Crosse and these six resident families.

RELOCATION COSTS – THE FINANCIAL SIDE

In your consideration of a resolution that would address the needs of the families who are faced with displacement and total loss of security, safety and investment:

Is there anyone who could speak authoritatively on the extensive costs and difficulties of finding ALTERNATIVE affordable long term housing in today's La Crosse for these families that would equitably replace the stable long term affordable housing they already have?

These people have already paid for these homes, paid off their mortgages, and have made responsible updates and improvements to their paid for homes. The options, as I have been able to determine. in no way would allow these families to retain what they are threatened with losing in a total relocation.

Also is there anyone who could speak briefly on the costs and difficulties facing these families even if they could move their homes - the extensive MOVING AND RELOCATION COSTS.

For people who have planned and desired such a move, and have the resources to accomplish it, it can be a risky proposition but is doable in many cases. But in no cases is this affordable for people who don't already have the resources or time for long term planning and resource acquisition/saving.

SUMMARY OF COSTS INVOLVED IN MOVING A MANUFACTURED HOME:

(Actual dollar cost would involve factors such as the size of the home, the age, the distance moved, the destination, the availability of a site that could accommodate, etc.)

--COSTS: Preparing and arranging for the FIRST MOVE: moving everything into storage units before and for the duration of the move and set up.

--COSTS: Prepping the mobile home so it is ready to be moved when the actual movers arrive

--COSTS: The SECOND MOVE: Temporary lodging for the family to stay while the home is being moved to its new destination.

--COSTS: Preparing the new destination site (leveling the ground, site preparation, etc.),

--COSTS: The THIRD MOVE: Moving the home (which doesn't happen overnight: the home has to be prepared for the move, permissions, license, escorts, depending on the size of the home and how far it is moving, and other licenses need to be done ahead of time.

-- COSTS: Dealing with any problems or repairs or damage that occur during the move,

-- COSTS: Re-hooking up energy/electrical, water and hookups, sewer, hvac, appliances and other services. This all has to happen before the homeowners can be moved back into the home. And finally

--COSTS: The FOURTH MOVE: a second costly move of all property to its new location.

Each of these steps involve costs that add \$100's to \$1000s to the actual cost of moving the building.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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