

**Elsen, Nikki**

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**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Gilman, Jason; Elsen, Nikki; Tracy Thompson; Dawn Justin  
**Subject:** Tax Parcel No. 17-10221-40 and 17--10221-50 coster's additional lots 3&4 block 1

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Dear Jason and Nikki,

I am responding to the letter received referring to "Revised Notice of Hearing on Amendment to Zoning Restriction". Thank you for the opportunity to make my voice be heard. To the point, "No", I do not want the space indicated used for an apartment complex.

This is my home and a place of refuge and community for me. An apartment complex would completely downgrade the neighborhood, and change the atmosphere completely, and not for the betterment of the community. The personal traffic would increase considerably as well as the noise level. People would be coming and going at all hours of the day and night with an apartment complex. These people would be renters and have no interest in property value or neighborhood community or commitments, therefore not a welcome addition in any neighborhood. In the past 3 years this neighborhood has had a substantial increase of middle class family and single career people move into the neighborhood. We are proud to be home owners, and have become a small community. And quite honestly if we could of afforded better housing, then yes, we would be in a better neighborhood. But we believed in a future HERE, in this neighborhood. We believed we were making a difference, adding to the property value and building a community and that in time it would pay off.

In all fairness, if the apartment complex proposed was to be a higher end rental or something like the Gunderson Lofts, I would then honestly put some consideration into it; but I suspect this to be a "Wham, Bam, thank you ma'am" housing structure built only for owner profit , and honestly, in 2-3 years time this apartment complex would be an eyesore for the city and attract only mischief and trouble into our neighborhood. This would lower the house values, put more pressure on the police and be a source of constant stress to the neighborhood. You know this to be true, and so much more that I will not even mention.

Is this really what you want for the City of La Crosse, for your children and for you? Decisions such as this need to be based on the full cost to everyone and the community and city at large, not just some profit line for somebody. ( I would love for the owner of the property proposed to have his mom live right next to the proposed property, or himself. How then would he feel about what he created and the effect it has). At some point you have to change the status quo, and make doing the "Right Thing" the priority, because in the long run it really is the only thing to do. Any other option only adds misery and extra expense.

We have the chance now to do the "RIGHT THING". I say "NO" to an apartment complex. I would rather see a business if nothing else move into the space, but not an apartment complex.

Sincerely,

Tracy Thompson  
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