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Dear Honorable Council members,

I have been hearing about a proposal for a possible encampment for our homeless population near the Erickson Pool area. If this proposal is true, I think this is one of the most foolish proposals I have ever heard in this great city of ours.

I represented this area for 10 years on the city council. I have four young kids that all walk to school. This is a good neighborhood. It is filled with lots of children and parks, and children are seen playing and riding their bikes all over. While La Crosse can often get a bad reputation in the surrounding area, this area of the city is beautiful, and filled with families and children and it is a place we choose to stay, and we love it here. There is also an elementary school right next to Erickson Pool, not to mention a Middle School and High School within walking distance.

While I empathize with those who may need to utilize such a place, this is NOT the place. This is the complete opposite of where the city should be looking. The fact that this area would even be considered is astonishing.

Please do not let this happen.

Sincerely,

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