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Hello Council Members,

Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to your constituents. I know you are hearing from many on this topic. I wanted to reach out as a community member, in my role in leadership at the La Crosse Library, and as a County Board Supervisor.

As you know, our community is struggling to meet the emergent needs of many of our neighbors-especially those who are unhoused.

The Reach center is one place that is making incredible strides helping folks access and maintain not only housing, but also food services, health care, and general support and empathy in a time when many would turn away from them. They deserve an up to date facility to continue to do so.

This new opportunity to offer dental services will not greatly increase traffic at this location, but will greatly impact the overall health and wellbeing of those who otherwise wouldn't be able to obtain those services.

Additionally, the implementation of solar on the building is yet another way Reach is being a good neighbor-working toward goals set by the city and county to improve energy efficiency.

From both a library and a neighborhood perspective, I am deeply appreciative of the work being done at the Reach Center. And while I know that they will continue to do good work whether the rezoning application is approved or not, this is an opportunity for us to create positive change for people without any substantive downside for the neighborhood.

Thank you for considering this perspective. I hope you will approve this application and help Reach move forward.

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