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La Crosse City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for using contingency funds for contracted security in public spaces. As a frequent visitor and a concerned community member, I believe that continuing security is essential to ensuring that our park remains a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable space for everyone. Much like the library.

Public parks are vital to our community's well-being, offering a sanctuary for recreation, relaxation, and social connection. However, recent incidents and reports of lewd, lavcious and disorderly behavior, drug and alcohol use, and other safety concerns have underscored the need for a proactive approach to security. By investing in dedicated security personnel, we can significantly reduce the risk of crime and foster a safer environment for visitors of all ages.

Moreover, increased security not only deters criminal activity but also reassures families, seniors, businesses individuals who may otherwise feel hesitant to visit during certain hours. It promotes a sense of community trust and encourages more frequent use of our park's, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

I urge the Common Council to prioritize safety and allocate necessary resources to protect our cherished public spaces.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I am confident that with your support, we can make our parks a safer haven for everyone.

Sincerely, Chris Woodard