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Hello Nikki

Me and my wife and two kids moved two years ago to La crosse from San Francisco, we moved because of the level of unsafe streets and troubled city hall decisions that affected our life there.

When we moved to lacrosse we thought this city is more friendlier and city hall decisions are taking for what is best for the people of the city.

We are the descendent of the original owners of two houses which along many others constitutes washbaurn Neighbourhood .Kathryn grandfather is the original owner of the Noelke house and all her family history started and continued there, my grandmother born in the very same house we bought two years ago and that was our reason to buy the house. We wanted our kids to have connection to their family legacy by being raised in the same neighborhood that their grand grandparents were raised more than one hundred years ago .

As such , and for the above reasons and more We would like you to know that we are opposing this potential rezoning petition for the Reach Center at 212 11thstreet.

Please note that This is a designated historical neighborhood and it is zoned as single family-house , as much as we believe and advocate the noble humanitarian purpose of the Reach Center, adding it in our Historical residential neighborhood is a crime that will have an irreversible utter destruction to the neighborhood urban fabric and experience.

This rezoning of the said location will have a tremendous negative impacts on all the neighborhood and neighbors daily life with and not limited to the following:

- 1- increase traffic in the area which will create a high level of inconvenience for the neighborhood.
- 2- increase level of pollution from traffic and medical supplies utilized.
- 3- increased chances of traffic accident due to increase of people driving under medication effect.
- 4- increase level of unsafe street which affects the Neighborhood kids from playing outside due to presence of potential dangerous patients that the reach center will medicate.
- 5-increase amount of burglary's and break in homes .
- 6- transforming this residential area into a busy downtown.
- 7- increase number of parked cars which will lead to an increase of cars breaks in.
- 8- encouraging other organizations to start rezoning all over the neighborhood which will lead in few years to the destruction of the whole neighborhood.
- 9- unpleasant look of the existing building .
- 10- glare from solar panels proposed which will face our house with all its implications from increase of heat, glare , compromising birds safety which will lead to a high level of birds deaths.
- 11-destruction of the last historical neighborhood in the city, which will erase all the memories and legacies associated with the neighborhood and eventually the city.

With many more reasons that we will bring to every meeting , we would again say that we are extremely opposed to this reasoning , and any other rezoning in our neighborhood that may arise in the future .

Thank you
Best regards

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