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Hello,

I am writing to oppose the item 23-0673 making it more difficult for homeless people to sleep and survive on La Crosse public property. Without alternative housing options and support resources for these people, this type of rule change is not only cruel but also has no net benefit. Where are these people supposed to go? They'll suffer more under enforcement of these rules, but will still need to go somewhere else nearby because they need to go somewhere! In the new place there will be the same problems. The proposed item is no solution and will only make life worse for already suffering people.

I am a privileged middle class white woman and have had only bad experiences renting in La Crosse. While renting, I had a full-time job that required a college degree and I could not comfortably afford my rent. I love this area, but debated leaving because finding good housing here as a young professional was so stressful and harmful. I only stayed after I bought a house, which was somehow cheaper than renting here, God knows why.

People here need compassion and help, not to be shooed from unsafe place to unsafe place like they aren't even human. It is so unacceptable for La Crosse to have a homeless problem this severe, especially at its population size and tax rate. I'm embarrassed for our city on this matter. Vote no on this and find a real solution that actually helps people, doesn't cause undue suffering, and doesn't just push the problem onto some other people/place. Human life is more important on the triage than property.

Thank you for reading my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Siena Muehlfeld  
La Crosse Resident