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Dear La Crosse City Council Members; Ms. Margaret Larson, Supervisor, District 14

We are writing this to you as Residents of the Town of Campbell.

While we have no elected representation on the La Crosse City Council in the matter of the homeless population, our attention is drawn to the fact that the Norwood Inn & Suites, in the Town of Campbell, is mentioned as a possible lodging location for the homeless. This proposal to us matters greatly.

This is difficult for us to absorb on many fronts:

The building is in poor condition and should be struck down; it has been a gathering spot for unseemly activity

We, as a community, could not support the many who need services if the homeless reside there

One of the biggest drawbacks would be the annual cost, over 2 million

Most importantly, we in Campbell, do not have 24/7/365 police protection for ourselves, much less an additional at-risk population

We challenge you, as elected officials, to act area wide, not just in the best interest of the City of La Crosse, to think "outside the box"!

Why not build a cinder-block type building, in Houska Park for the homeless population? A dormitory type facility, very austere, to shelter them from the elements yet the building could be repurposed and sold by the City if changes occur? Such a building could be built for the 2 million plus, the money spent on one year's lodging yet be a building investment for the City? This location would afford proximity to the hospitals and police department and to services needed. The individuals could be in a collective area, and not scattered. Many are languishing in the heat of summer, it is easily seen.

You are not only making decisions for the City of La Crosse but for the residents of our area as a whole and there is an obligation to look to the best welfare for all of us.

Thank you,  
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