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Dear Common Council Members,

We are residents of the Hillview Campus. We were not made aware of these discussions and tonight's meeting until yesterday, as is often the case with elderly citizens who do not use the internet. Our limited local news media sources did a poor job of conveying what is on the table. Since some of these proposed locations directly affect us, we submit to you the following attached letter and petition which states:

"Pursuant to the Special Meeting called by the Common Council to take place at 5pm on August 8, 2024, which will address Agenda Item 24-1068, "report regarding options for interim overnight shelter," and pursuant to the list of proposed possible locations in that report, we, the undersigned firmly state that the proposed locations of Erickson Park, Sherwood Park, and the City property owned at 5248 33rd Street South, are not viable options as they are located in close proximity to the most vulnerable in our society, children and the elderly. Specifically, these proposed encampments would be next to or within walking distance to Spence Elementary School, Hintgen Elementary School, and the Hillview Healthcare Campus that houses a Nursing Home, Assisted Living Facility and Elderly Apartments. Further, we submit that the issues outlined in the proposal itself including: "ensuring the safety of both the shelter residents and surrounding community can necessitate hiring security personnel," "when homeless persons leave their location and garbage, abandoned property, and hazardous or infectious materials are left behind," "from past experiences of encampment clean up at Cameron Park, Houska Park, Isle la Plume and River Point District, contractors and staff clean sites with heavy machinery and hand-pick to clear out small items such as plastic detritus and needles" and other references being "based on significant past experiences" prove that erecting encampments in these locations are dangerous to the children and elderly currently living and going to school there, unsustainable and would negatively impact the environment that the permanent, tax-paying citizens of those communities currently utilize. It is our resolve by this petition to call for you to strike these proposed locations from your list."

We will happily continue to collect as many signatures as necessary.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and consider our plight.

Kindly,
Georgia Ann Perry
Resident at Carroll Heights Apartments
Hillview Campus



PETITION TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE, WI

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