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From: Marie Lindberg <mlindberg61@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:22 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: AMEND the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Projects Budget

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Dear La Crosse City Council,

My name is Marie Lindberg and I live at 1915 Green Bay Street, La Crosse 54601. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. I'm asking you to pass these amendments this week.

We need you to do a community impact studies and get public input before agreeing to spend money to renovate the Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall. In the midst of a public health crisis, policing crisis, AND economic crisis, it would be irresponsible to move forward with the significant spending on these renovations without public input. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect our new realities and the priorities of our community! I do not believe that it currently does.

Thank you,
Marie Lindberg
443-789-0824

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From: Livia Johnson <liviakjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:30 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Support Olson Budget Amendment

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– Hello Council Members!

My name is Livia Johnson, and I live at 1511 Winnebago Street here in La Crosse. I write today urging you to support the Olson budget amendments. Our nation is grappling with a new understanding of police work and La Crosse should be leading that change. Our police force does wonderful work; I want to acknowledge that. However that organization is not the only thing responsible for public safety and public good. Our budget needs to reflect that many community organizations and spaces are needed to keep all sectors of the public safe. Things like parks and the libraries are spaces for everyone to share. Our community was recently made aware of a hateful letter from one member targeting homeless people. Our citizens and police force stood up against this person; the council should as well with a thoughtful budget that honors all different kinds of public spaces. Thank you for delaying voting on this construction project and budget to think about the varied needs of the community!

Sincerely,
Livia Johnson

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From: Kim Larson <pachyderm1334@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:36 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Kimberly Larson and I live at 1926 Liberty Street in La Crosse.

I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. I urge you to pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting, to solicit public input, and to complete community impact studies pertaining to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't accept the money until they've done the work!

Our nation is in the midst of a movement toward criminal justice reform, and is experiencing an unprecedented public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget must align with these realities!

Respectfully,

Kimberly Larson

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From: kelli grilley <kelli_grilley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:46 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget

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Council Members,

My name is Kelli Cornett and I live at W8038 Maple St Holmen WI 54636. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities! Redistributing funds to social programs to prevent crimes in the first place.

Kelli Cornett

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From: JoellaCrittter <joellacrittter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:51 AM
To: ZZ Council Members; Kabat, Tim
Subject: Amend the CIP Budget

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Good Morning City Council Members and Mayor Kabat,

My name is Joella Striebel and I live at 1712 Liberty Street on the Northside of La Crosse. I am reaching out to you this morning in support of Olson amendments #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. I additionally ask you to remove the \$1 million in borrowing for purchase of property on which to place a new law enforcement center. Taking on additional debt during this financially precarious time, especially for a policing center that may not reflect the future of policing the community wants, is inappropriate and irresponsible. Many of the items included in the CIP Budget should be delayed and/or reconsidered given this unprecedented time in history that is impacting all of us. We expect our city leaders to be adaptable to changing times and circumstances, and the current COVID-19 pandemic along with local and national uprisings calling attention to racial inequities and the need to reimagine the future of policing and public safety certainly qualify as changing times and circumstances. Please pass these amendments at Thursday night's meeting to show the community that you understand the times we are living through together as a community, and to demonstrate your ability to be adaptable and creative thinkers. Going forward, it is imperative that the city leaders learn new, more effective and inclusive ways to do the work of soliciting and responding to public input. We must complete community impact studies related to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. You have an opportunity to show us what true, representative leadership looks like in 2020, regardless of what a since-disbanded committee determined in 2017. Please don't let us down.

Thank you,

Joella Striebel
1712 Liberty St.
La Crosse, WI 54603

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From: Kira Hankins <kirahankins21@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:59 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson Amendment

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Council Members,

My name is Kira Hankins and I live at 112 11th Street S La Crosse, WI 54601. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Kira Hankins

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From: Eddie Kim <edward.d.kim@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:01 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson amendments

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Council Members,

My name is Edward Kim and I live at 2027 Winnebago St. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. I ask you to solicit public input in regards to the expensive Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations when considering 2021-2025 budgets, especially in light of hearing news that my friend and neighbor (who worked for the City Library) was laid off. Let's think carefully about our priorities as a community.

The work of law enforcement, city business, etc. will go on without these renovations, but what does it mean for our collective future to remove the educational access of libraries, for instance?

Thank you,
Edward Kim

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Edward D. Kim (edward.d.kim@gmail.com)
(707) 547-7547 (or +17075477547 internationally)

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From: Alice Benson <abenson59@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:07 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Comments on Budget

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Good Morning,

I am writing to you to ask you to support the Olson Amendments #1 and #2 to the budget. I am asking you to please pass these amendments at your meeting tomorrow (7/9/2020). It is crucial in these times to solicit public input related to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. It is also very important to complete a community impact study to gain valuable information, understanding, and appreciation of the people whose lives will be most affected by this proposal. These are unprecedented times in our community, and it's critical to complete the necessary work before committing funding to ensure monies are spent in the most effective manner possible for all La Crosse citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alice Benson
768 Hillview Avenue
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-792-8414

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From: Josh Hertel <hertelj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:10 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Support of Olson Amendments for the CIP budget.

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Josh Hertel and I live at 404 15th St S in La Crosse. I am writing to you to express my support of Olson amendments #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. My family was directly impacted by the recent library cuts (my wife lost her position). We are heartbroken by the decisions that lead to these cuts and what they reveal about the priorities in our community. In the midst of this public health crisis, we need to focus on how we support members of the community and rethink policing and safety as we know it. The 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect the realities and needs of the entire La Crosse Community.

I urge you to pass the Olson amendments. Also, with regard to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations, I urge you to solicit public input and complete community impact studies.

Sincerely,

Josh Hertel

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Josh Hertel
<http://joshhertel.com>
hertelj@gmail.com
Pronouns: he, him, his

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From: Roxanne Marina <roxannemarina@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:17 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget

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My name is Roxanne Marina and I live at 140 10th Street S.

I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! Policing is being reevaluated in the country (as well it should be) and increasing policing budgets in the midst of that is completely a tone-deaf move. As a small town, we have an opportunity to really show how responsive government can be. Don't think with the big money head: Listen to the people of La Crosse.

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From: Roxanne Marina <roxannemarina@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:17 AM
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From: Nick Dutton <dutton.nich@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:23 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: [SPAM] CIP Budget

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Good morning!

I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations.

The current proposal includes a lot of borrowing for a structure that may not be necessary, especially with the recent cuts to tax income. If we can't afford to fully staff our library, which provides invaluable resources to the community, we don't need a new structure that will cost millions.

Thank you,

Nick Dutton

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From: Curtis Hottinger <cchott53@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:31 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Budget

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Sent from my iPhone Today we mobilize to AMEND the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Projects Budget: SAY NO to a \$36M Police Law Enforcement Center without public input!

The proposed CIP budget will go before the City Council tomorrow, 7/8 at 6pm for final approval. Though we have tried in earnest to have the entire CIP budget delayed in light of COVID-19 and the subsequent budget crisis, as well as lack of public input and community impact assessments, the budget WILL BE up for a vote tomorrow night. As such, we are mobilizing to AMEND items in the CIP budget that we find most egregious. The amendments below have been cleared and will be uploaded on Legistar shortly. We can ACT NOW!

   EMAIL: council@cityoflacrosse.org

Our goal is to have 1,000 residents contact the ENTIRE City Council TODAY with PERSONALIZED statements in support of these amendments! COMMENT BELOW when you have completed your contact and SHARE with your people. THEN, update in the comments below with how many contacts resulted from your share!   

Olson Amendment #1:

Line Item [8] Police Law Enforcement Center

- Delete \$25,000,000 from 2023 GOB
- Delete \$10,000,000 from 2024 GOB

Olson Amendment #2:

Line Item [645] City Hall Lobby Renovation

- Reduce 2021 GOB funding from \$1,500,000 to \$140,000
- Move \$1,360,000 GOB funding to 2022

Line Item [272] Main Library Flooring

- Amend project title to read "Main Library Flooring and Shelving"
- Increase GOB funding from current amount of \$170,000 to \$310,000
- Move full funding from 2022 to 2021

Line Item [23] Myrick Park Playground

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From: Abbi Jurjens <abbimjurjens@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:41 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Law enforcement center

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Council Members,

My name is Abbi Jurjens and I live at 2206 Abbey Road, Onalaska, WI 54650. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work within the community and their department to show they're making moves to change our way of policing in this county. We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Abbi Jurjens

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From: Mae K <glenna.mae.k@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:48 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Asking for Olson amendment #1 and #2

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Dear La Crosse City Council Members,

My name is Glenna Krzyzanowski-Rabie and I have been a Southside La Crosse resident for the past 6 years. I am writing to express my support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the La Crosse CIP budget. I ask that you would hear our community and consider passing these amendments at tomorrow evening's meeting. Our community is in a time of deeply renewed investment in realizing racial equity; the work towards creating a justice system that best serves our whole community has only just begun. This is not a time for "business as usual" but instead a necessary pause to reflect on what we truly need, which in my opinion is a pivot to investment in local community services such as libraries, parks, farms, housing and health. I believe it is imperative that La Crosse 2021-2025 CIP budget reflect the fact that our entire planet is striving for greater racial justice and now is the time to put our money where our mouth is. At the very least a community impact study on the proposed Law Enforcement Center would provide more context for the actual need, some of which are only being brought to light in this current climate of revolution for the greater good.

Thank you for your work and your time,

Glenna Krzyzanowski-Rabie

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From: Em Noga <noga.emily@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:54 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget

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Council Members,

My name is Emily Noga and I live at 1106 Wilson Street, Onalaska WI. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Emily Noga

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From: Tracie Blumentritt <tlblumentritt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:54 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson amendments

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Dear City Council Members,

We urge you to adopt the two amendments proposed by Council member Olson and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies related to the two big ticket items: the Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. We're in the middle of a pandemic and (hopefully) in the process of re-thinking how we do policing in America and these two items need to be re-prioritized. Do we really need a new "policing" center right now? Do we really need major renovations to City Hall at this point? Our budget priorities must reflect the new reality. Please adopt these amendments.

Thank you.

Tracie Blumentritt and Rebecca Angle
135 29th St. South La Crosse

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From: Heather Talbot <2heathertalbot@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:56 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: 2021-2025 CIP Budget Amendments

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Hello Council Members,

Please pass Olson Amendment #1 and #2 and take all actions possible to amend the 2021-2025 CIP budget to reflect our current reality of a public health crisis, a subsequent budget shortfall, and a public outcry to re-make how we do policing in this community.

You have the opportunity to push pause on items that have not had adequate public input and community impact studies. NO, we should not include these items with the promise to make room for input and do the studies. DO THE WORK FIRST and earn the money and support of your community. I've been told again and again that allocating the funds in the CIP budget doesn't greenlight a project. If that is the case, then you shouldn't be concerned about doing the work BEFORE securing the money. Afterall, if you do the work and the community supports your plans, then you should have no problem passing funding in the 2026-2030 cycle.

Fire department renovations must occur REGARDLESS of the public safety complex timeline. They are long overdue and cannot wait for the complex, even with the current proposed timeline.

What are we going to need as our community persists in the midst of the realities of COVID-19? Functional parks, outdoor spaces for as-safe-as-possible gatherings and out-of-home opportunities. Functional, well-staffed library spaces to put citizens back to work and support alternative learning solutions. It is not imperative that we build a police enforcement center in the next 5 years. It IS imperative that we come together as a community to respond to the challenges of our day! Take time working through COVID-19 to better understand how to do long range planning for this facility. Don't dress up City Hall now, wait until we have an idea of best practices post-COVID-19. Do what you must and refer the rest. I'm all about paying my bills AND saving for major home improvements according to a schedule. But if a disaster hits, it is my bills I'll be paying and those home improvements that will be delayed. I understand the operating budget versus capital budget! I also understand the concept of past and present. Stop governing from before and join us here in the PRESENT so that we can chart a future together that prioritizes public input and community impact! I get it: task forces met, studies have started, and promises were made. Good work was done and plans were set in motion. And then the world changed. CHANGE WITH IT!

Take a step in the right direction by compromising on CIP and voting in favor of Olson amendments 1 & 2. We aren't asking you to delay the whole thing. We're not saying NO to a combined facility. We're just saying you don't get the money before you do the work on whether the project is right for our community! Put some money where it is most needed and scale back on the rest.

Thank you,

Heather Ann Talbot
she/her/hers
231 17th Place S
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-790-1781

Elsen, Nikki

From: Vandali Vang <vandaliwang@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:07 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: In Support of Olson Amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP Budget

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Council Members,

My name is Vandali Vang and I live at 1307 Hayes Street. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Vandali Vang

Elsen, Nikki

From: amy bantle <bantlelife@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:16 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: SAY NO to a \$36M Police Law Enforcement Center without public input!

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Council Members,

My name is Amy Bantle and I live at 914 13th street south in LaCrosse. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at the meeting on 7/8 and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Please do not invest in criminalizing us further. Instead find ways to invest in the resources we need to be an economically and socially healthy community we can be proud of!

Thank you,
Ms. Bantle

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Emily Bacon <baconea10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:21 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Support for CIP Olsen Amendment #1 and #2

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Council Members,

My name is Emily Bacon. I live in Onalaska, 843 Oak Ave N. I greatly enjoy shopping in La Crosse proper and am emailing today to ask you to support and pass the Olsen Amendment #1 and #2 to the budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting, and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies that are incredibly necessary in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations.

There is still work to be done before you can say yes to the CIP funding! The fire department in La Crosse should not be tied to the police department, especially when we are in the midst of reforming policing in America. This is a project that should be put on hold until then, and the money that would go towards the police aspect can be used better in other ways, especially for the fire department, public libraries, and to the citizens themselves. We are still in the middle of a pandemic, and the 2021-2025 budget should more accurately reflect our current public health crisis. The budget as-is does not reflect this, but by passing the Olsen Amendment #1 and #2, it can.

Thank you,
Emily Bacon

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From: Rowan Brunelle <rowanbrunelle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:37 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Support for Olson amendments to the CIP budget

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Council members,

As a current resident of La Crosse, I'm writing to you to express my support for Olson amendments 1 and 2 to the CIP budget.

Please pass these amendments at tomorrow's meeting, and please solicit public input and undertake community impact studies to see what the real effect of the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and renovations would be.

La Crosse can and should join many cities around the world in re-evaluating how we do policing. Our police budget is already oversized compared to what we do for our community spaces. There's absolutely no need to increase that disparity. Vital community services like the libraries and the parks system have already had to take painful cuts for the sake of the pandemic. Our priorities during Covid-19 and far into the future have to be on acknowledging the needs of those community services that actually help people.

Not further funding a massive police project could be a step in the right direction for La Crosse to prioritize caring for its community.

The 2021-2025 CIP budget should reflect the reality of America's current moment. Passing the Olson amendments to the budget could help show that you care about what the community needs and wants.

Thank you,
Rowan Brunelle

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From: Margy Frazier <margyfrazier1991@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:41 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: [SPAM]

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Council Members,

I have had the pleasure of speaking with a couple of you, but for those I have not previously connected with, my name is Margy Krogman (formally Frazier). I have both worked and lived in the lower Washburn neighborhood for the last six years.

I am writing today in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Council Member Olson has been incredible in her willingness to listen to my concerns, provide context of decisions being made, and look forward in collaboration with La Crosse citizens. Her amendments are thoughtful, and reflect the concerns that both I and other residents of La Crosse have brought forward to many of you.

I am urging you to pass the Olson amendments at tomorrow night's meeting; additionally, I am asking you to work more intentionally in the future to solicit public input through open forums and feedback periods that are heavily advertised in ways that all demographics will be aware of opportunities to share their needs and ask questions. I would encourage you to take it a step further, and complete detailed community impact studies in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Decisions should not be made until these studies are completed and thoroughly reviewed. To do so without a good-faith effort to modify current plans sends a clear message of disregard for the public's voices.

As you are all very well aware, we are at a crucial point in our history as a nation; we are both in the midst of understanding how policing contributes to an unjust society as we experience racial unrest, and we are in the middle of a (hopefully) once in a lifetime global pandemic. The 2021-2025 CIP budget must be reworked in order to reflect these realities; funds must be relocated as appropriate.

All the best,
Margy Krogman
(815) 214-4782

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From: Crystal Brunelle <crbrunelle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:50 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget Amendments

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Council Members,

My name is Crystal Brunelle and I live in La Crosse at 215 17th Pl S. I'm writing to support the Olson amendments 1 & 2 for the CIP budget. I believe that it's in the best interests of the community to pass these amendments tomorrow. We shouldn't be agreeing to the spending without community input and possible impact studies. Given that we are in a transitional and uncertain time right now and our budget plans could and should be re-evaluated.

Crystal Brunelle

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From: Mackenzie Mindel <mackenzie.mindel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:00 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: PASS Olson Amendments to 2021-2025 CIP Budget

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting. I have a 5 month old baby and lost my job during maternity leave due to COVID19 and under incredible stress trying to navigate raising a child during social isolation with a 50% cut in our household income. If this weren't an incredibly important issue, I wouldn't be taking time to write to you about it. Do not approve a \$36M public safety center when we can't fund our parks and libraries. It can wait and it should wait. There is much work to be done before money should be allotted.

Thank you,

Mackenzie Mindel
1523 Winnebago St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

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From: Allison Zimmerman <allisonzimmerman4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:19 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson Amendment

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Allison Zimmerman and I have lived in the City of La Crosse for 6 years. The La Crosse community means the world to me so it is important that I see the community I love being respected and appropriately represented by its assigned leaders.

That being said, I am writing you in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. I urge you to pass these amendments at tomorrow's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations.

The reality of the situation is that we are in the midst of a public health crisis and civil revolution and our 2021-2025 CIP budget NEEDS to take this into account.

Please do your part to keep our community thriving.

Thank you

Elsen, Nikki

From: Erickson, Emily R <eerickson16@winona.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:22 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson amendment

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Council Members,

My name is Emily Erickson and I live at 812 North Street, La Crosse. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,
Emily Erickson

Elsen, Nikki

From: Grace Deason <gracedeason3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:23 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Support for the Olson Amendments to the Capital Improvements Budget

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Dear Members of the La Crosse City Council,

I am a La Crosse city resident writing today in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the Capital Improvements Budget. I ask you to PLEASE pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting.

Although I understand that the groundwork for these capital improvements has been ongoing, the pandemic and reorganizing of priorities in the wake of racial justice protests are both important reasons to seek further public input on the budget. With regard to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations, it is very important to me as a member of the La Crosse community that the residents of the impacted neighborhood have a say on the increased police presence near where they live. To white people, police mean safety and comfort. To people of color - yes, even in a place like La Crosse! - this is not always the case. If you hesitate to ask people of color to share their perspective, I respectfully ask that you reflect on why you might feel that hesitation on an issue that impacts those communities and neighborhoods.

We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Frankly, I do not want to see La Crosse left behind as other communities seize the moment to become more inclusive, vibrant, and attractive places to live and visit. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect the current realities.

Thank you for your time and for the important work you do for our city,

Grace Deason
1931 Market St
La Crosse, WI 54601

Elsen, Nikki

From: Adam Erickson <adamerickson001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:24 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson Amendment

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Council Members,

My name is Adam Erickson and I live at 812 North Street, La Crosse. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Adam Erickson

Elsen, Nikki

From: Laurie Cafe <lcafe10@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:36 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: support of Olson amendment #1 and #2

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Council Members,

My name is Laurie Cafe and I live at 1908 Main St, LaCrosse, WI 54601. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,
Laurie A. Cafe
414-745-4958

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Elsen, Nikki

From: Sanya Frescura <safresca7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:42 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: OLSON AMENDMENTS #1 & #2

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Council Members,

My name is Sanya Frescura and I live at 421 West Ave S right here in La Crosse, WI. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. I think it is vital to funnel money into more community based organizations within our community to sustain safety and equality for all living in La Crosse. Please take into consideration the IMPACT of public input during these decisions. Public input was NOT taken into account when deciding on the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations.

Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies, so we as the people do not have to make last minute efforts to push you in the right direction. This input is vital to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until these items have been completed and our voices are HEARD.

We are challenging how we do policing in America and we are also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget must reflect these realities.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Sanya Frescura

Elsen, Nikki

From: John Crowder IV <johnec4@vt.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:44 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Pass the Olson amendments

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Hello council,

I as a La Crosse city resident, and proud community member, believe the Olson amendments 1 and 2 should be passed. I have watched your council meetings and want to thank the few of you who have expressed concerns. I believe the acquisition and development of the police center will be a gentrifying and oppressive move. That is why I believe it is very important that we as a city take more time to fully study this issue and whether this is the best use of funds and borrowing in the middle of a pandemic that will leave the nation, states, cities, and their residents in significant debt. To move forward on a 36 million dollar facility at the start of a recession is probably ill advised. I also believe it shows a disregard for the protests across the globe and right here in La Crosse. In a time where the role of the police is being reassessed and people are pleading for the breakdown of systems of oppression, perhaps it is time to put together a committee on how to reform our own approach to social safety services even here in La Crosse. If we want to serve as an example instead of following in the footsteps of our neighboring cities, we should take bold community led moves directed at developing best practices for community safety. At the very least the neighborhood that will be directly impacted should be fully informed and consulted. I know a lot of time has gone into this project but and I'm not asking that we cancel anything, but simply hold off and reassess.

Please consider what I have said.

John,
La Crosse Community Member

Sent from my iPhone

Elsen, Nikki

From: Monica Gorski <mhofmann5@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:04 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: In Support of Olson's Amendments 1&2

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Good afternoon Council Members,

I am a La Crosse citizen living at 1724 Cameron Avenue. I am writing regarding the CIP budget in support of Olson's Amendment #1 and #2. Please vote to pass these amendments at your meeting Thursday. Many La Crosse citizens, including myself, are concerned about the financial impact (and downstream effects) of the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. We need to seriously reflect on what the opportunity costs are to our residents for these massive investments. We are in an unusual moment with an economic crisis, a public health crisis, and a crisis of police accountability. Our city budget needs to reflect these realities and the priorities of our wonderful community. Please do your due diligence and evaluate the situation further before moving forward with the budget. I am very grateful for Ms. Olson's contributions and hope that her fellow council members will support her amendments. I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,
Monica Gorski

Elsen, Nikki

From: Caitlyn Konze <citycrail@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:24 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget 7/8/20

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Dear Council Members and fellow La Crosse citizens,

Please pass Olson amendments 1 & 2 for the Capital Improvement budget tonight.

I understand that it takes a lot of effort to gather, quantify, and respond to community input, but in this COVID-19 era this step is going to be crucial for the next 1-2 years. I am a manager here in La Crosse. I typically supervise 13-18 employees. Time and time again I see more support and buy-in when I communicate, engage, and involve my employees in decisions that directly effect them and the people they serve. Having such a diverse pool of perspectives issues to be highlighted that me and my superiors have overlooked but still need to be addressed.

Please do not say yes to this money until the community has been informed, engaged, and involved. This is going to be far easier to do in the virtual world we've been living in. I'd be happy to share the platforms my place of employment has been using to do much the same.

This isn't about you vs me, us vs them, black people vs police. We, as a community, together, are trying our best to keep everyone around us safe and to lift up those around the county (and yes, even in the La Crosse community) that have never had the same opportunities that we, white middle-class citizens, have had our whole lives. This is about benefiting from working together. And right now I feel very strongly that we have to be good stewards of our municipal finances because the years ahead are going to get hard. We can meditate that be being cautious and soliciting more input before large projects are green lit.

Thank you for you time,
Caitlyn Konze
2921 Glendale Ave
La Crosse WI

Sent from my iPad

Elsen, Nikki

From: Megan Grinde <megan.grinde@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:26 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Support Olson Amendments #1 & 2

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Hello,

Firstly, thank you for your work in the City Council. I served for several years as a municipal clerk and I know that work in local government is often thankless and only visible when people are upset - so I really do appreciate what you do.

I'm writing to express support for the Olson amendments #1 & 2 to the proposed GOB. I hope that you will support these amendments as well!

Our public spaces are the heart of our community - they make La Crosse a special place to live in by providing access to education and recreation for ALL people. I feel we need to invest in the kind of community we want to be, and for me, that means bolstering our budget for the library and our wonderful parks so they can maintain their current level of services, more than it means renovating City Hall and building new police facilities that are already providing good service with what they have. It doesn't make sense from where I'm standing to spend so much money to improve something that already works well while taking services away from community-enriching areas that already operate on a shoestring. This is especially true given how very little money it takes, comparatively, for our library and parks to provide such wonderful services - it's so much bang for the buck!

As a resident of French Island/Town of Campbell, I am not technically a resident of the City of La Crosse. However, my husband and I spend almost all of our recreation time and dollars in the City of La Crosse, and I'm currently pregnant with a child that will do the same. I grew up on a farm north of Melrose, Wisconsin, and we came to La Crosse for EVERYTHING - community events, music lessons, concerts, groceries, dining, and most importantly, the LIBRARY - for books, music, DVDs, books on tape for our long commutes, internet access, educational events, etc... I know the people of Melrose do not have much of a say in your process either, but I bring this up to illustrate how far reaching an impact La Crosse's free public spaces have on our surrounding communities, which they accomplish with so little money! The public services and public spaces here are a big part of the reason that I live here and not back home in Melrose - we have a special sauce here in La Crosse that is a draw for young families like the one I am working on, and we are only hurting ourselves and our future by disinvesting in parks and libraries.

Thank you again for your service on the City Council, and I hope you will support Olson amendments #1 & 2 tomorrow!

Sincerely,
Megan Grinde
1741 Bainbridge St
La Crosse, WI 54603

Elsen, Nikki

From: Gregerson, Caroline
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:35 PM
To: ZZ Media News; ZZ Council Members; Kudron, Shawn; Gilliam, Ken
Cc: ZZ Planning; Julia McDermid; rhonda.staats@gmail.com; 'Chauncy Turner'; 'Brandon Perrine'; 'Nese Nasif'; jonathanmayecates@gmail.com; 'A Xiong'
Subject: Statement from Human Rights Commission

The Human Rights Commission members have asked me to forward this statement. It was voted upon at their meeting yesterday 7/7/2020. This is in reference to the proposed \$1 million purchase for property for a new police and fire station at Market and 5th Streets.

“The Human Rights Commission hopes that the Common Council will delay its approval of the current version of the Capital Improvement budget. Members of the community have expressed significant concern regarding the project in the following areas:

- Fair allocation of city resources
- Perceived need for the planned facility and;
- Impact on the community.

There have been drastic changes to community priorities across the nation over the past several months. We ask that the City take additional time to gather community input/feedback, consider emerging priorities, and adapt the plan for the Community Safety Complex accordingly.”

Please contact any of the members copied on this email if you have question. Chauncy Turner serves as the Chair.

Elsen, Nikki

From: Annie Baumann <sealalou@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:50 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIB 2021-2025: Pass Olson Amendment #1 and #2

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Council Members,

My name is Annie Baumann and I live at 2545 Madison Place, La Crosse, WI. I am writing in support of Council Member Jessica Olson's Amendment #1 and #2 to the 2021-2025 Capital Projects Budget. I urge you to pass these amendments at the July 9th Common Council meeting.

It should not be assumed that members of the neighborhood in the proposed location would welcome the law enforcement presence that the \$36M police and fire station would bring. Not only would a facility of this size likely be met with protest if it were proposed to be built in wealthier La Crosse neighborhoods, but the impact on neighborhood families beyond those who would be evicted from their homes cannot be ignored. This is the wrong time and the wrong climate to pursue a project of this magnitude that would forcibly remove people from their homes. I understand that relocation expenses would be offered to those who would be evicted. However, the impact on the social and emotional stability of having to relocate cannot easily be remedied with these relocation funds.

Please pass Council Member Olson's amendments and engage neighborhood members most affected by this building project before passing funds aimed at building the \$36M combined police and fire facility.

Thank you for your time.

Annie Baumann

Elsen, Nikki

From: Peter Gorski <peter.k.gorski@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:03 PM
To: ZZ Council Members; Kabat, Tim
Subject: Amending the Capital Improvements Budget

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Hello Council Members,

My name is Peter Gorski, I live at 1724 Cameron Ave. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. I urge you to pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting. I understand that the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations are important projects and that ensuring that our public employees have safe, up to date facilities to support their work, but with our country in the middle of an economic crisis we should not be committing to funding these projects until we have a greater sense of how our city finances will fare. In addition, our entire country is in the process of rethinking policing, community safety, and how to best achieve it. Our city has a long, documented history of extreme racial inequality when it comes to police contact. Our history also now includes the knowledge that La Crosse was a sundown town, where black people were not welcome. In the coming months the Criminal Justice Management Council and community members together are working to find ways to change the future of policing in our city. I believe that at the very least we need to wait and see how those changes might impact the police department before we commit \$36 million dollars to this project. I hope that you all adopt these amendments, and that a robust public campaign to get broad input for this budget has time to form.

Thank you,

Peter Gorski

Elsen, Nikki

From: Dawn Rouse <balefulregards@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:22 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: [SPAM]

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Council Members,

My name is Dawn Rouse and I live at 2815 Lakeshore Drive #1. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

We are heartbroken by the decisions that lead to these cuts and what they reveal about the priorities in our community. In the midst of this public health crisis, we need to focus on how we support members of the community and rethink policing and safety as we know it. The 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect the realities and needs of the entire La Crosse Community.

I urge you to pass the Olson amendments. Also, with regard to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations, I urge you to solicit public input and complete community impact studies.

I would also like to add that the LaCrosse Public library system was and remains a lifeline to me and my family (shoutout to the Campbell branch!) Their innovative plans to continue offering services/books throughout this pandemic have helped in ways too numerous to mention - but mostly in helping keep good mental health by having literature to read.

Sincerely,

Dawn Rouse

Elsen, Nikki

From: Jackson, Amanda M. <amjackson@stthomas.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:29 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Cc: jeffrey.jackson@gexpro.com
Subject: Olson Amendments No. 1 & 2

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Council Members,

My name is Amanda Jackson and I live at 1616 State Street, La Crosse. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing current community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Now more than ever we need to take a hard look at where we spend our monies and whether expansion of public safety is the most appropriate use of our resources. We're in the midst of remaking and rethinking policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect these realities and needs to reflect the needs of our citizens. Opportunities for ongoing public input in major budget decision making has been lacking in the City of La Crosse recently, please consider soliciting more feedback from the public and consider passing Olson amendment #1 and #2.

Thank you,

Amanda M. Jackson

Elsen, Nikki

From: Meagan Ronsman <mhronsman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:48 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Regarding CIP Budget

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Council Members,

My name is Meagan Ronsman and I live at 1309 29th Street S. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. It is vital to have input from citizens on such a large budget item and at this present time. We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you for your consideration and service to our community,

Meagan Ronsman

Elsen, Nikki

From: David Ronsman <dhronsman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:49 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget Item

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Council Members,

My name is David Ronsman and I live at 1309 29th Street S. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. It is vital to have input from citizens on such a large budget item and at this present time. As you well know, we're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you for your consideration and service to our community,

David Ronsman

Elsen, Nikki

From: Nell Saunders-Scott <nellsaundersscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:05 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Capital Improvement Budget amendments

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Nell Saunders-Scott and I live at 1912 14th St. S in La Crosse. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. In particular, I believe the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations do not reflect the most urgent needs of our community, particularly at a time when we are making great strides to improve policing across the country, and in the midst of a public health crisis that is impacting every aspect of public and personal life. I support the proposed amendments and believe they more accurately reflect the most pressing needs for the coming year.

Thank you,

Nell Saunders-Scott

Elsen, Nikki

From: Ciera McCormick <c.hazel.mccormick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:06 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Projects Budget

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Good evening Council Members,

My name is Ciera McCormick, and I live in La Crosse, WI. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1, #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. I would like to request the passing of these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting.

In addition to this, I'd like to encourage you to do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Please don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! As someone who is in the workforce here, I cannot name a single person who would expect an employer to pay someone for doing the work before it's even done. Why are we not holding those who work for us to the same standards we're expected to achieve at our daily jobs? Why wouldn't we want them being held accountable? Why wouldn't we want to do everything in our power to make everyone in the community who wants to be heard feel heard?

We are in the midst of advocating the remake of how we do policing in America and we're also in the middle of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget definitely needs to reflect those realities! We need to be working as a team in this community. Having a lack of transparency and input is going to create even more problems in the future.

Thank you, in advance, for your time, attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ciera Hazel McCormick

"Be the light that helps others see"

608-317-2755

Elsen, Nikki

From: Lisa Yang <livxamyaj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:10 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: AMEND the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Projects Budget: SAY NO to a \$36M Police Law Enforcement Center without public input

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Council Members,

My name is Lisa Yang and I live at 927 Denton St. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Respectfully,
Lisa Yang

Elsen, Nikki

From: outlook_C2F6E36358F1FCAC@outlook.com <bubly12008@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:14 PM
To: ZZ Council Members

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Council Members,

My name is Antonette Travline and I live at 415 7th Street South Apt 402 in La Crosse, I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Antonette Marie Travline
415 7th St. S. Apt 402
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-386-7586

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Elsen, Nikki

From: Katie Nauth <katie.nauth@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:15 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Please Pass the Olson Amendments

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Hello,

My name is Katie Nauth and I live at 2118 Johnson St., La Crosse. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1, #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Really at this time when we are having these serious conversations in our society about racial disparities, policing, and allocation of funds within our communities I find it pretty upsetting that the city is giving lipservice to making changes, while in reality moving forward with business as usual. If the city is serious about reforming policing, you need to put a stop to the massive investment that was prior planned for it, and instead reallocate funds to more community oriented services such as parks, libraries, and other social services.

Frankly I'm shocked by the amount of money I pay in taxes to La Crosse, and for what actual amenities? The roads are terrible, there is limited public art, and now the libraries are being cut. Is it all going to policing? Please rethink this.

Katie Nauth

Elsen, Nikki

From: Aimee Witt <amwitt12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:33 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Police - Fire station

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Council Members,

We are Aimee & Brian Witt at 2137 Onalaska Avenue. We are appalled at the tone-deaf plans for a combined police & Fire station during this political climate that is calling for real equity - and at the response of the council to community concerns!! If the public wants to give you input, you should surely listen; you're public servants. Let me say that La Crosse certainly does not need to spend this kind of money on a combined police/fire complex at this time.

Is the fire station not a drop off safe-site for unwanted newborns? Do you think terrified mothers who can't keep their children will bring them to a fire station attached to the police station? I don't understand the reasoning for this expenditure, when the roads are full of potholes and my child's school has no money for teacher's aides or playground supervision or appropriate resources for students. This is a want, not a need. It seems in this time of crisis, this money would be better spent supporting local families, schools, and childcare facilities, for starters. I am already annoyed at the high property tax rate I pay to live in La Crosse, and the way you allocate the budget is probably why a lot of people move to the surrounding areas - further eroding the La Crosse tax base. I suggest that you take a look at what's really a need. Perhaps sell that Bearcat - military equipment the PD has to use on civilians - and let the police fundraise their own building. It's good enough for our schools, right? Why is it that my child's school has to fundraise for new playground equipment, but you'll write a \$36 million dollar check - with no public input - to the police/fire departments?

We are writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Aimee & Brian Witt

Elsen, Nikki

From: Alexandra Gonzalez <amg9262@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:22 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: HOLD THE CIP BUDGET

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Alexandra Gonzalez and I live at 934 Cameron Ave. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1, #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities! Your mindset must also reflect the place of privilege you may come from. Throwing more heavily armed people in the middle of our "most troubled neighborhood" will only create more trouble and erase our chances of helping those who need it. This budget must reflect the needs of our community as well as the understanding of police presence in governed communities. Until all those bases have been covered with documentation, only then would it be responsible to pass this CIP budget.

Thank you,

Alexandra Gonzalez

Elsen, Nikki

From: Susan <susanmc07@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:38 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Support for Olson amendments

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Council Members,

My name is Susan McParker and I live at 2317 Winnebago St. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America both in the community and in schools as we look at reassigning some of the roles that have fallen to police officers but might better be served by other training. We are also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect these realities!

Thank you,
Susan McParker

Elsen, Nikki

From: Alysa Remsburg <aremsburg@uwlax.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 6:50 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson amendments for CIP budget meeting 7/9

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Dear Council Members,

I appreciate your time serving our community, and also the work of Taking Notice, Acting Together to help me learn more about the timing of city budget decisions. My name is Alysa Remsburg. I live at 225 17th Place. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments to the CIP budget on 7/9. While recognizing that this project has been in the works for quite a while, I believe that the public health crisis and social unrest about policing systems warrant a pause on this spending plan. Please solicit public input in meaningful ways, not just through obscure newspaper notifications. Careful listening may reveal that more police presence in that location would not serve residents nor be cost effective. This is a time when our city needs to support mental health, including the services offered by our parks and libraries.

Thank you for your time.
Alysa Remsburg

Elsen, Nikki

From: Dana Krokstrom <danakrokstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 7:46 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget Amendments NEEDED!

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Council Members,

I am a new citizen of La Crosse and I live at 113 16th St N. I am urgently writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these specific amendments at tomorrow night's meeting! Do your job of considering public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. First, do the work, inform the community, and then say yes to financing relevant community buildings and renovations. We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities! Prioritize public health & safety.

These are the decisions that personally impact community members, specifically citizens who are lower socio-economic status and citizens of color. Join the right side of history and stand up for these voices.

Thank you,
Dana Olsom

Elsen, Nikki

From: Mathew Tukua <metukua@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 7:53 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP budget amendments

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Hi Council Members,

I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. The CIP budget does not reflect the current necessary changes needed in the United States and our area, and passing shows a commitment of the council in repeating failed policies and continuing an abusive system. We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Mathew Tukua

Elsen, Nikki

From: Tara Allert <taraallert@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 8:16 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget

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Council Members,

My name is Tara Allert and I live at 822 23rd St S La Crosse WI. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,
Tara Allert

Sent from my iPhone

Elsen, Nikki

From: Richard Allenby <richard.allenby@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 8:27 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson Amendments

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Hi, my name is Richard Allenby. I have lived in La Crosse over ten years, including getting a degree from UW-La Crosse and I've been working downtown for over four years now. I like it here and have no plans to leave.

That may change depending on how the City responds to the current climate. I was beyond upset to find that the Library is so low on the City's list of priorities compared to, say, the police department - 15 librarians out of work, some so near their retirement but now without any pensions while a new \$36 million complex is being planned?!?

I would very much like to see Olson Amendments 1, 2, and 3 passed tomorrow, and I'm not alone.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you consider what the real needs of this community are.

Elsen, Nikki

From: Lauren Lanzel <lobean@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 8:32 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Amendment 1,2,3

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Council Members,

My name is Lauren Lanzel and I live in La Crosse. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Lauren Lanzel

Elsen, Nikki

From: Alex Hiller <alexmoorehiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:00 PM
To: ZZ Council Members

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Good evening -- the email below is a copy paste, but I agree with the message and I sincerely hope you vote for it.

My name is Alex Hiller and I live at 1931 Market Street. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Alex

Elsen, Nikki

From: CC hook <bleuactor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:26 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: The proposed CIP budget

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Council Members,

Good evening, I am Cecilia Hook and I live at 125 9th street La crosse. I am hoping you will take time to read and consider this email as this is important to me. I would like you to know that I am in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. These important amendments can help show you are listening to your community. By doing so you can build up this wonderful community.

These amendments need to be passed at tomorrow night's meeting. Please do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Budgets and proposals such as these need work completed before approval. This is not something to check of your list or take lightly.

I beg of you, do not say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to be mindful and reflect the realities we are facing. You have the power to do something good with this budget.

Thank you for your time,

Cecilia Hook

Elsen, Nikki

From: Gabrielle LeBouton <gabriellemarielb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:03 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson Budget Amendments

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Council members,

My name is Ellie LeBouton, and I live at 1132 Vine St. I am writing in support of Olson amendments #1, #2, and #3 To the CIP budget. I implore you to pass these amendments at the meeting tomorrow night. The public is not being listened to by this council. Please spend the time and resources to listen to and actually take in what your constituents want. We are seeing a change in how policing and public safety are approached, and we are in the middle of a pandemic. Now is absolutely not the time to displace families and spend money on a complex that may not even be used in the capacity intended, as we see policing change.

Stand up for your constituents and fellow community members. Please do not ignore us in order to push through the CIP budget without these amendments.

Sincerely,

Ellie LeBouton

Elsen, Nikki

From: Anna Vance <vance.anna23@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:25 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Budget

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Anna and I live at 2026 Jackson Street. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1, #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you for your time,

Anna Vance

Elsen, Nikki

From: 7rwVideo <jessevonruden@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:49 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: 21-25 Proposed CIP Budget

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Evening Council Members,

My name is Jesse Von Ruden, and I have been a resident of La Crosse since 2003. First off, I just want to say thank you for your tireless efforts during these last few months during the COVID-19 pandemic. The whirlwind of the ever changing landscape has keep us all on our toes, and as leaders of our community I know the added stress can be a challenge to an already challenging position.

I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting, and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work. We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities.

Allowing the Community to be more hands on in these matters is vital to the growth and prosperity of all our residents.

Thank you for your time,

Jesse Von Ruden

Elsen, Nikki

From: Aimee Witt <amwitt12@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:34 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Re: Police - Fire station

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Hello All,

I am forwarding these couple of emails between Gary and myself, as I've become aware that emails aren't necessarily made part of the public record, if not sent to the entire council - if that's incorrect, please let me know. I wanted my response below to be available to the entirety of the council. Thanks for the replies, Gary, I appreciate you acknowledging us and taking the time to respond.

Thanks for your consideration,
Aimee (& Brian) Witt
Of 2137 Onalaska Ave. La Crosse

On Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM Aimee Witt <amwitt12@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi, Gary, thanks for the reply.

The council sets local property tax rates, and sells, for example, prime riverfront property for a mere \$1 (that was before your time on the council, however, so no blame from me! :) and creates TIF districts - all things that have impacts on schools, their budgets, the city, and other organizations.. such as, for example, the library. I did not mean to imply you directly controlled the school budget. I know you're not the school board. But I believe that if schools have to fundraise for wants, so, too, should other similar government-funded entities. For example, I don't believe it's appropriate to so drastically cut the library's budget and commit to \$36 million for the police/fire building, most of which will be debt, and isn't what the community wants or needs right now. The library is actually a thriving and extensive community resource - they do so much, for so many. No one is living in fear of librarians, that's for sure. Libraries have been a pandemic lifeline for many folks.

Consider that smaller neighborhood fire and police stations are probably a much better fit for a city that should be assessing its relationship to the police, and their role. The police are not social services, CPS, mental health experts, or substance abuse counselors - let the police deal with actual crime, and building relationships in a community that needs their city council and PD to listen. While you assess how the city will move forward, you should put this project on hold, and allow for public input. The pandemic has exposed all the cracks and weaknesses in our society, so perhaps instead of forging ahead with old visions, the council can take some time to listen.

Thanks for reading my two cents.

Cheers,
Aimee

On Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 4:51 PM Padesky, Gary <padeskyg@cityoflacrosse.org> wrote:

Elsen, Nikki

From: Emily Hoffman <egh92591@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:36 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Olson Amendments

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Hello Council Members,

My name is Emily Hoffman and I am a City of La Crosse resident. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1, #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. In regards to the Law Enforcement Center and City Hall renovations, I don't believe that it is what the community as a whole wants the budget to largely be spent on. We are living in an interesting and challenging time and there are many changes that are being made within the community. We need to focus on making the community better and invest the money into things that matter for our youth including education, parks, and libraries. I personally do not want more money spent on a Law Enforcement Center and I hope the work is done to obtain public input on this matter before making a decision. Things are changing these days and our 2021-2025 budget needs to reflect those changes. Please pass these Olson amendments at the meeting on Thursday evening.

Thank you,
Emily Hoffman

Elsen, Nikki

From: Kay Hatlestad <kay@hatlestads.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:29 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Please accept Olson amendments to ciP

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Council Members,

My name is Kay Hatlestad and I live at 515 15th St. S.

I am writing in support of my council member's (Jennifer Olson) amendment #1 and #2 to the CIP budget. With the issues related to the pandemic and to policing in our community and our country, we need to revisit our priorities for next year's budget.

Please work with the community on modifying the budget to meet the current situation - pass the Olson Amendments #1 and #2.

Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you.

Kay Hatlestad

Kay@Hatlestads.net

Elsen, Nikki

From: Lily Herling <lilyherling10@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:20 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Budget amendments

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Good morning,

My name is Lily Herling and am a resident of La Crosse. Given the current need for police reform, including police force reduction with reallocation of many duties, now is not the time to be building a new law enforcement center. I am writing to ask for your support of Olsen amendments #1, #2, and #3 to the 2021-2025 CIP budget. Please support policies that enrich our community instead of patrolling it.

Thank you,
Lily Herling
1516 Ferry St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

Elsen, Nikki

From: Dawn Wacek <bookwormmommy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:46 AM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: CIP Amendments and Further consideration

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Hello Council members,

I wanted to take this moment to state that I support amending the CIP Budget for 2021 in order to allow time for more public input and community involvement in the plan for a new safety center in the Washburn/ PPH neighborhood. With the pandemic and recent budget cuts, I believe it is imperative that the community be heard on this and involved in any further planning.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dawn Wacek
1206 7th St
La Crosse

Elsen, Nikki

From: Megan Gosse <meganmgosse@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:51 AM
To: ZZ Council Members

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Council Members,

My name is Megan Gosse and I live at 224 Liberty St in La Crosse. I am writing in support of Olson amendment #1 , #2, and #3 to the CIP budget. Please pass these amendments at tomorrow night's meeting and do the work of soliciting public input and completing community impact studies needed in regards to the proposed Police Law Enforcement Center and City Hall Renovations. Don't say yes to the money until they've done the work! We're in the midst of remaking how we do policing in America and we're also in the midst of a public health crisis. Our 2021-2025 CIP budget needs to reflect those realities!

Thank you,

Megan

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Megan Gosse, M.S.Ed

Elsen, Nikki

From: Isaac Dummer <isaacdummersmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:14 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE

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To increase the funding of our police during these times, while decreasing the budget of our library is absolutely deplorable.

You have a swat truck

you have a brand new basketball court on the roof

The people of the library use Windows computers from the early 2000's, there is always at least one not working. not to mention the printer sucks.

librarians get up from their desk to help elderly people with things like filing their taxes online, and social security.

The books of the library is what fueled the knowledge for my grandma to write the book The Orphan Train. People can access knowledge passed down through generations on crucial historical events, historical events that should never happen again.

"The Library was my babysitter"- Citizen Of La Crosse

Elsen, Nikki

From: Kelly Blodgett <kblodgett818@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Elsen, Nikki
Subject: Capital Improvement Budget

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To whom it may concern,

Prior to your upcoming meeting, I would like to say that a \$36 million dollar police and fire center is completely unnecessary, particularly with the economic crisis we are experiencing. As always, almost every road in town is in need of repair, and some are to the point of causing major damage to our cars. There are also many areas lacking in street lights and numerous roads that flood every time it rains. Despite this, you continue doing ridiculous projects (like the tennis courts) and ignoring the needs and wants of the people you represent. It's also rather tone deaf to give the police a new multi-million dollar building in the midst of the BLM movement. To say that I'm disappointed is an understatement. I sincerely hope you choose to vote no on this.

Sincerely,
Kelly Blodgett
Southside resident

Elsen, Nikki

From: cathy <cvanmaren@protonmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:16 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: Please vote no

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Dear Council Representatives,

I have already sent an email about my hope that you will rethink the budget and TID spending planned in light of the major upheaval in people's lives, finances, future expectations caused by the novel coronavirus.

I hope that you will refer or delay voting on TID creation and updates until the full impacts of holding out so much for schools, parks, and libraries for so long is discussed with the people whose lives and taxes will be affected. While it sounds great that in twenty-plus years, more funding may be available as a result of increased value on these special districts, that is a very long time these days, especially as these important institutions may need more funding now and in the near future to continue operating under this new situation. In addition, I still think the city has not done enough to have a full discussion with citizens about who is getting payments, how much they have already received, and what will be the impacts on libraries, parks, and schools. If the library shrivels to nothing in two years, the promise of more funding in twenty-two years is useless.

I also hope that you will withdraw plans for the Public Safety Complex until there has been ample opportunity to receive public comments and hold public discussions. Holding discussion two years ago doesn't count, especially as conditions have changed and plans have changed. Honestly, when I first heard of this I couldn't help but think that it should be called Fort La Crosse thinking about how our country has a tendency to plop a fort in the middle of hostile territory (or "crime-ridden" in this case) whether it be the west of the 1870s or Iraq of the 2000s. It really sounds like we are trying to turn a neighborhood into an occupation zone. Hasn't the city been removing low-income housing from this neighborhood in favor of new houses for professionals? Maybe such a complex should be located downtown near the taverns. At any rate, I don't believe enough opportunity for real discussion and input has been given and I hope you will delay the project at this time.

Many community members have spoken about wanting our city to forge a new direction with respect to policing, budgeting, prioritizing projects and programs, and including voices of people not well represented currently. This is something I hope you will pledge and consider. It is an excellent opportunity to take action that indicates a change is coming.

Thank you.

Cathy Van Maren
2815 Highland Street
La Crosse

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Elsen, Nikki

From: Ralph and Nancy <nancyandralphknudkin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:29 PM
To: ZZ Council Members
Subject: 2021-25 Capital Improvement Budget

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Dear Council Members

I am writing as a LaCrosse resident who is deeply concerned about the idea of spending \$36M for a Law Enforcement Center over the next few years without significant public input and further thought about priorities this budget represents. At the same time, we are cutting budgets for libraries and parks, and during a time of great fiscal uncertainty and rapidly changing thought about how law enforcement (and promoting public safety) should look and act in our community. This budget was designed, for the most part, before such changes were our new reality. Recent public statements by the mayor and police chief, as well as other public figures, in the protests and new scrutiny of our law enforcement system and culture have suggested that reform and rethinking is needed and ongoing. The public is looking for leadership to show the ability to listen anew, adapt and be creative; especially in light of diminished revenue and new expectations about public safety and law enforcement. Leadership in this case requires more than platitudes and empty gestures. To fund in this way without listening would be worse than empty gestures; it would be a snub of public concerns.

To simply go ahead and rubberstamp funds for an expensive law enforcement center while cutting other public services in our current environment, especially without new public input will be an example of rigid, tone-deaf leadership, and will be a real waste of opportunity found within a very unique crisis, which is changing our collective future.

Please consider the Olson amendments and adopt them. We have time to do this right.

Sincerely, Ralph Knudson and Nancy Heerens-Knudson
2550 Edgewood Place,
LaCrosse
608 344-1688