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Hey Council Members,

Me again!

I want to remind you all how much I truly appreciate the work you are doing and cannot thank you enough for doing this job and serving La Crosse. I am so grateful for you all.

I'm writing to ask you to vote no on Resolution 25-0723, which would spend \$115,000 from the City budget on added security for parks and ramps downtown at F&P on Thursday and again at Council next week.

I know these votes are hard, and I get that there are a lot of moving parts, but this continues to not sit right with me in using these funds when there are so so many other needs. This is a huge amount of money that I truly believe will not actually make our community safer—and it definitely won't help those experiencing homelessness. In fact, I think it could make things worse by making it harder for people to access support and for our community to move forward with the goals in the Pathways Home plan as we have already seen happen when a similar resolution was passed previously.

We need to be investing in long-term solutions, not short-term band-aids that cost a ton and don't really fix anything. I am not just focused on the unhoused community but this funding doesn't help those that are housed in the community in the long run as well. It is a short term solution and using too much money to do that. Let's focus on housing, outreach, and programs that move people forward instead of more policing and security. I find it super ironic that this is on the same agenda as the pathways project and one is focused on the long term solution and this would have a negative impact on that long term solution or at least the pace it could continue.

Please vote no on this and consider what kind of impact we really want our dollars to have.

I won't go on as I know most of you know how I feel but I felt it was important to express this again here. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions! Thinking of you all as you continue to make tough decisions monthly <3

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