

## Craig, Sondra

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**From:** Elsen, Nikki  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 9:49 AM  
**To:** Craig, Sondra  
**Subject:** Withdrawal of objection - FW: Reach center opposition

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**From:** khodor baalbaki <kodorskiarchitect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 9:28 AM  
**To:** Elsen, Nikki <Elsenn@cityoflacrosse.org>; Mindel, Mackenzie <mindelm@cityoflacrosse.org>; Katie Noelke <ktnoelke@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Reach center opposition

Hello Nikki,

While we initially submitted a letter of opposition to the rezoning of the Reach Center we would like to express our support to the reach center rezoning and expansion as it will help minimize the suffering of many people in need in this city. we would like to express our true feelings and opinions about the proposed rezoning. When we were first informed about the project we thought it was a great idea. As everyone knows, healthcare in our country is not very accessible to many people. The costs are sky high; sometimes even with health insurance coverage. Our country's mismanaged healthcare system is profit-driven and leaves many people without options for getting the care they need. There are a myriad of reasons why people need access to free healthcare, from being unhoused to not having your employer offer benefits. Anyone at any time could find themselves in such a vulnerable place needing free services, and as a community we need to be sensitive to these matters. Healthcare is a human right, not a privilege. We support the mission of Scenic Bluffs and the proposed rezoning of Reach Center. We would be proud to be a part of a neighborhood that welcomes a project like Scenic Bluffs; and work together as a community to support their healthcare model and mitigate any potential impact with other concerned neighbors to create a better neighborhood that support humanitarian effort and protect history and safety at the same time.

As of this, we would like to remove our legal objection and opposition letter and replace it with this support letter with a request to the reach center executives to expand their services to cover vision clinic ,diabetes clinic and a 24/7 emergency clinic, also we would like to have the center to operate 24/7 which will help people in need to have a quick access to services without delay. We would like to be a neighborhood that support the poor and sick with dignity and respect.  
Thank you for your understanding.  
God Bless

Respectfully,  
Kathryn Noelke and Kodor Baalbaki

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**From:** [khodor baalbaki](mailto:khodor_baalbaki)  
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Cc: [Katie Noelke](#)

Subject: Reach center opposition

Hello Nikki

Me and my wife and two kids moved two years ago to La crosse from San Francisco, we moved because of the level of unsafe streets and troubled city hall decisions that affected our life there.

When we moved to lacrosse we thought this city is more friendlier and city hall decisions are taking for what is best for the people of the city.

We are the descendent of the original owners of two houses which along many others constitutes washbaurn Neighbourhood .Kathryn grandfather is the original owner of the Noelke house and all her family history started and continued there, my grandmother born in the very same house we bought two years ago and that was our reason to buy the house. We wanted our kids to have connection to their family legacy by being raised in the same neighborhood that their grand grandparents were raised more than one hundred years ago .

As such , and for the above reasons and more We would like you to know that we are opposing this potential rezoning petition for the Reach Center at 212 11<sup>th</sup>street.

Please note that This is a designated historical neighborhood and it is zoned as single family-house , as much as we believe and advocate the noble humanitarian purpose of the Reach Center, adding it in our Historical residential neighborhood is a crime that will have an irreversible utter destruction to the neighborhood urban fabric and experience.

This rezoning of the said location will have a tremendous negative impacts on all the neighborhood and neighbors daily life with and not limited to the following:

- 1- increase traffic in the area which will create a high level of inconvenience for the neighborhood.
- 2- increase level of pollution from traffic and medical supplies utilized.
- 3- increased chances of traffic accident due to increase of people driving under medication effect.
- 4- increase level of unsafe street which affects the Neighborhood kids from playing outside due to presence of potential dangerous patients that the reach center will medicate.
- 5-increase amount of burglary's and break in homes .
- 6- transforming this residential area into a busy downtown.
- 7- increase number of parked cars which will lead to an increase of cars breaks in.
- 8- encouraging other organizations to start rezoning all over the neighborhood which will lead in few years to the destruction of the whole neighborhood.
- 9- unpleasant look of the existing building .
- 10- glare from solar panels proposed which will face our house with all its implications from increase of heat, glare , compromising birds safety which will lead to a high level of birds deaths.
- 11-destruction of the last historical neighborhood in the city, which will erase all the memories and legacies associated with the neighborhood and eventually the city.

With many more reasons that we will bring to every meeting , we would again say that we are extremely opposed to this reasoning , and any other rezoning in our neighborhood that may arise in the future .

Thank you

Best regards

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