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I am writing due to my concerns that Mayor Mitch Reynolds is going to overturn the decision to grant the South Side Library the designation of historic status.

Obviously, it is of great concern to the citizens in the neighborhood that the building be preserved- that is why the time was invested to collect the signatures needed to complete the process. That this decision can be overturned because the Mayor does not agree with it is deeply concerning. The residents have expressed their will to preserve the library and it is part of the democratic process that this decision be respected rather than following short-term political gains or short-sighted financial opportunities. Should the status over the library be overturned, I am sure Mayor Reynolds will lose the support of those who have signed the petition. And I know I will personally be sure to discourage people from voting for Mayor Reynolds in the future given he does not put the needs of La Crosse residents over his own political maneuvering.

Thanks for your attention,

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