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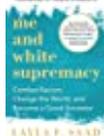
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Hello. As a La Crosse resident, I have some serious concerns about the budget that is being discussed. How is it that we are okay with spending such a large sum of money on a new complex for police and fire departments while we are laying off workers at the library? That's not how finances work in my home. If we can't pay our bills, we don't go ahead and get a loan to buy an extra car. I understand that bathrooms and new space along with other things may be seen as a need. I get that. But is this the time to do such a large project if we can't pay the workers we have? I know this may have been planned, but the people who no longer work at the library also thought their jobs were planned. If that is the way things work, you believe that when money is tight, some things have to be cut. So why new spending at such a huge cost? It's extremely frustrating.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Crystal

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