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Members of City Council,

My name is Norah Fimple. I am writing to you to oppose ordinance 23-0673 that criminalizes homelessness in public spaces. Being houseless does not make a person evil or a threat. What makes a person evil is criminalizing an issue without addressing the root of the problem. The homeless crisis in La Crosse should *not* be an issue swept under the rug. This ordinance fixes literally nothing. If you take the time to listen, there are great ideas to solve this issue. There are revenue-generating events like the WIAA track, Riverfest, Oktoberfest, etc. That money can and *should* be invested into the community.

The fact is that no one wants to be homeless. It should not be criminal for a person to be in a situation that they cannot help.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.  
Norah Fimple