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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my unequivocal support for the proposal to implement dedicated security personnel in the public parks surrounding downtown La Crosse.

For nearly three years, I have been employed at Citizens State Bank, located at the corner of 7th and Main Street. During this time, I have experienced significant unease while working after hours, particularly due to the presence of individuals loitering near the park and adjacent buildings. A situation occurred back in December when one of my colleagues was followed and attempted to break into her car in our shared parking lot—a deeply troubling incident that has left many of us feeling unsafe, especially those required to work evenings or weekends.

While I understand the inherent limitations of ensuring consistent police presence in this area—given the unpredictable nature of such events—I firmly believe that the deployment of private security would serve as an effective deterrent to these incidents. The presence of trained personnel would not only enhance safety but also provide peace of mind to local employees, residents, and customers.

I respectfully urge the city to take proactive steps to protect the well-being of those who work and live in our downtown community by approving measures to increase security in and around our public parks.

Please reach out if you have any follow-up questions or need to know more details about the incident.



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