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To all city council members,

My husband and I have had a boat slip at Municipal for a very long time. I am writing to you not only as someone who rents a boat slip, but as a proud citizen of La Crosse for over 40 years. The transformation of our downtown over these 40 years has been breathtaking. We now have a gorgeous waterfront city of which I am extremely proud. We have also become a port of call for Viking Cruises. I think in no small part due to the development of a beautifully enticing waterfront. The homeless situation nationwide is a tremendously sad and devastating problem that our cities must confront. I am assuming part of the rationale to relocate the encampment at Houska is that the location is seemingly somewhat hidden. But it is not. It is directly on our now beautiful downtown waterfront. It is one of the last things to be seen before docking. Not only does Viking stop here, but so do many other vessels bringing tourism and money to our community. To cruise by the homeless encampment right before docking at Riverside would not be something that encourages tourism and a feeling of safety.

Please do not allow our beautiful riverside city to be sullied by the homeless encampment at the proposed location.

Thank you,
Jenny Aberger