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Dear Jessica Olson, LaCrosse City Council Member, District 8:

My name is Amy Bantle and I am your constituent living at 914 13th St S in LaCrosse. Nice to meet you.

On behalf of myself and my fellow neighbors, we need you to deny the application from Jeff Fennie. Mr Fennie has applied for a Conditional Use Permit allowing for the demolition of the former Coulee Council on Addictions building at 921 West Ave for a parking lot and expanding the drive through lanes for Taco John's.

Despite living near the intersection of Jackson St and West Ave and the fast food restaurant, Taco John's, on the southwest corner of the block, our block feels very "residential." Myself and fellow neighbors of this block have created a safe and comfortable environment for ourselves, our families, and our neighbors. We live in a mix of single and multiple dwelling homes; some rent and some own. We all take pride in the condition and appearance of our homes and outdoor living spaces.

Allowing Mr Fennie to demolish the building to build a parking lot to increase customer parking and expand his drive-through lane from one to two will take away from the safety and comfort we have created in our neighborhood. It will be an eyesore for those living there for sure as well as allow for more noise from the additional cars in the parking lot and the traffic on West Ave (The traffic from West Ave is currently blocked by the Coulee Council building, which cuts down on traffic noise coming into our backyards.)

Additionally some customers now speed through the residential alley and at times knock over our trash bins. Often you will see Taco John litter in our yards and alley. There is light pollution from vehicle lights shining in our windows. Even with windows shut in summer and winter months, we can hear cars drive down our alley, all times of the day. Repeatedly neighbors have asked Mr Fennie to use his own property for his business traffic, but he does not. We definitely do not want more traffic, more noise and light pollution, and more trash. And with the expansion, this will definitely happen.

Please stand up for us and deny Mr Fennie's application. Some of our neighbors live on a fixed income, some are college students, and some of us single parent homes. We are not the wealthy of LaCrosse, but we are tax payers and do our best to create a safe home and neighborhood for ourselves, our fellow neighbors, and our children. Please do not let Mr Fennie take away what we have created.

I tried to call you this afternoon, but was unable to leave a phone message for you as your mailbox was full. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thank you for the work you do.

Sincerely,

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