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To whom it may concern--

My name is Rebecca Anderson and I am a resident of La Crosse, Wisconsin. This is my statement on the plan to vote on a \$1 million starter fund for a \$36 million police / fire complex.

I am asking that the city presses pause on this. I am almost certain that our greater community would approve of this project, but we are in uncertain times. We do not know what our community will desperately need in the following months due to the Coronavirus and I would prefer if these monies were held in case of an unexpected, more pressing need in the near future. While I am not informed on when this subject could be voted on again, I would suggest we pause on the allocation of this money until January 1st / for 6 months. As citizens, we are being asked to "stay home" and wait out this global pandemic. Our families do not know what their economic futures will look like and the resources we will need to move forward. I am asking the city to do the same. Again, I am not rejecting the idea of the project or even the price tag of the starter fund / facility. I believe our city would undoubtedly benefit from upgrades to all city buildings, but I do not believe that spending this money now is a responsible choice.

Thank you for your time,
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