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Please see the support email from Ms. Deal below.

Thank you,

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Subject: Support for the Rivercrest Drive North Residents

I am writing to support the residents of Rivercrest Drive North.

The 6 residents of Rivercrest Drive are in danger of being not only displaced, but homeless. La Crosse has had this issue for some time now and I am concerned that with this decision of "moving" the residents of Rivercrest Drive North, this will add unnecessary issues to these residents who have been reliable tax payers and longtime citizens of the city of La Crosse.

Why displace 6 family systems from their homes, decrease affordable housing further and add to the homeless situation in the La Crosse area? These residents are not transient, they have paid a significant amount of lot rent, they look at their home as an investment and security to their future.

In a world that seems to decrease in certainties, I feel that we all need a place to feel secure, protected and a place to call our own without the uncertainty of displacement.

As a former Career Planner/Job Developer for a non profit organization, I had been a front line service provider for unemployed, underemployed and displaced workers. The threat of being homeless is real and these people struggled to secure housing, unsure where they were going to find their next meal, much less find and secure employment. To have employment, one must address the basic needs of a place to rest, a place to eat, to nourish themselves to be able get to work. This is a part of the basic needs hierarchy that everyone needs to be healthy, happy and able to exist. The years I have witnessed individuals struggle with lack of housing and stability has taught me that we as community need to consider our community members who are in need. You as a leader have the ability to help these residents keep thriving in the homes they have taken years to build and invest in.

A situation like this can cause people great stress and anxiety. There is emotional damage happening to everyone involved in the resident group. These individuals have to be able to live day to day without the fear of becoming displaced or homeless.

At the very least, how are these residents going to move? Will there be monetary help to do this? These residents deserve to have compensation for loss of home, of equity and most of all their loss of security and the emotional damage that this situation has bestowed upon them.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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