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I am sending this letter to: Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Jay Odegaard, Leah Miller, Brian Sampson, Barb Janssen, David Pierce

My name is Mitch Moths. I am the President of the Landings Condo Association, 14 Copeland Avenue in La Crosse. I have 44 home owners who contribute over a quarter of a million dollars in property taxes. I am not a screamer and I won't treat any of you with disrespect but I felt the need to write this note on behalf of our homes. We deserve to be heard and also respected.

Behind our condominium complex is where the latest homeless encampment is growing. We had two tents a week ago, we are now up to eight, I assume that total will continue to grow.

I'm sorry but I don't believe for a second the Riverside Encampment was cleared out because of a concern for flooding. If that was the case you wouldn't be allowing another encampment in a different area of the marsh. I'm guessing a few multi-millionaire developers said to clean it up or we pull back, let it be someone else's problem. Well now it's ours.

I went for a walk tonight on the trail just south of our building, the one called Vietnam Veteran's Trail. There are three tents set up literally on the trail. As I walked past I had three homeless folks give me the death stare. My first thought was - oh, oh, did I make a mistake going for a walk tonight....

Now my daughter-in-law works for Gundersen and she is the coordinator for Stepping Out In Pink. I know the City was so concerned about the fact they used wrong paint to put some letters on the trail that they had to take money out of the cancer research pocket to re-seal the entire trail. How can three homeless tents set up on the trail not be a concern

that the city takes care of as quickly. (On a side note, Xcel's project has done much damage to the trail. Many new cracks all along the trail. Will they be fixing those issues?)

I have no idea what the solution is to this problem, clearly no one does. I've spoken to Brian Sampson, not sure why anyone would want his job. You let them take over a spot, spend hundreds of thousands of dollars cleaning it up while they move to another spot where you can spend a few hundred thousand more taxpayer dollars cleaning up after them - this doesn't seem very sustainable.

I've been told that marsh land behind us is mapped as City Of La Crosse property which means it should have some rules. I assume I can't build a home back there and farm the land. I've seen deer back there, I assume I can't go back there and hunt the land, start shooting at stuff.

I've heard there is a five year plan, in the end I would just like to know if there is a short term plan, before this one gets out of hand like the last one.

I'd sure appreciate a note back with some info I can give to my residents. Again, I think we deserve that respect.

Thanks for your time

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