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My wife and I own a business within close proximity of the proposed Maple Grove Motel purchase. We have also been extremely involved in the Citizens for Sensible Homeless Solutions. As our organization name implies we are not, against helping the homeless in our community. We are opposed to the way these decisions were made without input from the taxpayers of the area. It also seems the council is on a different page as to what was originally proposed to from the Mayor. These funds as stated by the Salvation Army letter to the city could accomplish so much more in the hands of organizations that handle these issues across our nation. We only hope in the future the City and its council members develop a strategic plan with goals that can be measured and reviewed based on local needs and community input. As our petition of almost 600 persons in just 4 days, reflects the community dissatisfaction on the way this was presented and rushed through. This issue is not just a City Hall issue, it's a community issue that rolls into our County and State. In a previous email to the Mayor (no response), our city has no guidelines or policies on Homelessness. If those in our community want to get involved and help, the official City website offers no guidance or direction. In closing, this appeared to be a temporary solution to a much longer term issue, and at a beginning price tag of \$1.5M. I feel these funds could be used in a much more effective way. We also look forward to providing any practical solutions that will expand and grow our great community.

Vote **Yes** to rescind this Offer to Purchase the Maple Grove Motel

Warmly,

Jeremy Parsneau

La Crosse Business Owner