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Mr. Neumann and Council Members,

I have recently learned about the possibility of an overnight shelter being considered at the end of my block (5248 33rd Street South). I am writing to express my deep concern regarding this proposal. Yes, there is a homeless issue in La Crosse. Yes, the city needs to partner with agencies to provide services. Yes, this is compassionate to care for others. Still, I question the thought process of putting this shelter in a neighborhood. Surely you can understand the concern for safety and the fear of decrease of property value. How is this site even considered an option? Besides being in a neighborhood with young families and retirees, there are no amenities to support an overnight shelter. The location on the far south end of the city is far away from any services.

I strongly oppose this proposal and ask that you consider a place close to services, with amenities, and **NOT** in a neighborhood.

Houska Park was a location close to downtown services and was not in a neighborhood. That location should be at the top of the list.

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