

20-1133

OBJECTION TO AMENDMENT OF ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

I hereby object to the amendment to the Zoning Code by the transfer of the following described land:

508 5th Ave S Tax Parcel: 17-30106-120 Daniel Cameron's Addition Lot 9 + S Sft. Lot 10 Block 28 Lot SZ

from the District to the District.

I object for the following reason(s): see attachment

I further certify that I am the owner of the following described lands (include legal description from tax bill):

1.) 414 Cameron Ave: 17-30105-130 Daniel Cameron's addition E 30 FT LOT 1 BLOCK 28 LOT SZ. 30x65-66 *see back of page*

ft. frontage on Street

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Signature of Objector (in presence of Notary) Lewis Pariskin - LP + Associates PO Box 1402 LaCrosse, WI 54602 Address

STATE OF WISCONSIN)) ss. COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)

Personally appeared before me this day of 20, the above named to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Notary Public My Commission Expires:



NOTE: In order for the entire parcel to count toward the protest percentage, all owners must sign this objection. For example, if only the husband signs for a property that both husband and wife own, only one-half (1/2) of the parcel is counted.

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2.) 522/524 5th Ave S. 17-30106-90

Daniel Camerons addition S 30 FT LOT 7

Block 28 LOT SZ: 30x169.5

3.) 420 Division St. 17-30117-30

Stoddard + Levys addition W 40 FT LOT 6

Block 18 LOT SZ: 40x60

4.) 421 Division St. 17-30106-70

Daniel Camerons addition LOT 6 EX E

117 FT BLOCK 28 LOT SZ: 52.5x60

Aug. 21, 2020

To: Judiciary and Administration Committee

Re: Amendment to Zoning Restriction : 508 5th Ave S.

We strongly disapprove of having Catholic Charities host a facility for the homeless and low-income in our residential neighborhood.

Operating as a family business, LP and Associates' goal and mission has always been to provide safe, affordable, quality housing by improving distressed homes throughout La Crosse's community. Our approach is simple: to treat all people fairly with welcoming doors and to express empathy while providing rental housing.

I've personally lived in this neighborhood for +10 years and am afraid if a shelter is approved it will simply host more crime and hurt the neighborhood's quality of life, value and security. In this specific area, both our residents and business have suffered from numerous break-ins, vandalism and theft throughout the years of operation since 2004.

"Don't bite the hand that feeds you", comes to mind while approaching homelessness. This crisis is real, along with food shortages, terrorism, wealth gaps and corruption. So how should we best accommodate everyone? When there is a lack of respect, drug-addiction and poor work ethic. It simply creates a perfect storm for increased crime. Bringing a shelter to this residential neighborhood will only hurt it.

The goal is to create a safer community by not having people on the streets wandering or sleeping in tents. Although this shelter may provide a safe-haven for the less fortunate, the question one should ask themselves is, would you want to live next to such a facility while operating a business and/or raising a family?

It hurts me to say this, but it's very difficult to have passion and sympathy for people with poor attitudes. As the common saying goes, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink."

The adverse effect on this 'residential amenity' of all the neighboring properties, are as follows:

- 1) loss of residential character of the neighborhood
- 2) increased foot traffic on front sidewalk and back alley
- 3) loitering - before, during, and after hours
- 4) loss of privacy for existing residential residents
- 5) increased littering
- 6) crime and drug-use more prevalent
- 7) potential sleeping near and around property after hours and weekends
- 8) safety diminishes among residential residents

Cordially,


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