

May 11, 2020

City Engineer
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear City Engineer

I am writing in response to the papers I received regarding the City of La Crosse's intention to exercise its police power to levy special assessments against the property at 1217 Gillette Street even though I do plan to attend the meeting at 6 p.m. on June 4, 2020 in the Council Chambers regarding this matter.

I am hoping the June 4 meeting will not be a farce as was the meeting I and a room full of people attended last year regarding the reconstruction of Gillette Street. Almost all who attended that meeting felt parking should continue on both sides of the street with no bicycle lanes since Gillette Street is busy and as was pointed out by the City Engineering Department over 80% of all traffic is not via bicycles, buses, or walking. Few bicycles have ridden on Gillette Street since its reconstruction in 2019. I guess the city made bicycle lanes to receive extra money to offset the cost of the reconstruction of Gillette Street.

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In speaking with men who were working on the Gillette Street construction last year, I was told my sewer must run to Wood Street. The city must have approved of that when my 1217 Gillette Street house was built over 100 years ago. It seems, therefore, that the city should be responsible for any new sanitary main. -- My mother purchased my house in 1958 because of its proximity to grade school and junior and high schools, a library, our church, bus service, and a grocery store and was not in the flood plain. In recent years, after returning to La Crosse after living outside the city for 38 years, I have appreciated being close to Mayo medical facilities.

Shouldn't this new special assessment have been brought up last year, before Gillette Street was reconstructed? Is Gillette Street going to be dug up again?

As you may have gathered, I am opposed to the project and the proposed assessment. My property tax already increased 39% this year -- ridiculous. My payment for the proposed project would be over \$800 a year for 10 years or over \$500 for 15 years. Interest alone would result in hundreds of dollars a year. Unfair to homeowners in an unaffluent neighborhood.

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I would appreciate withdrawing the proposed project and assessment. You, as city engineer, probably do not even live in the city.

In addition, I would appreciate your relaying the following to the mayor and Common Council: It would be wise to require all city employees to live in the city of La Crosse.

Respectfully submitted

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