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Hello,
I'll keep this short as I'm sure there's a ton of emails.
Having houska be a homeless encampment again seems to be a hide it, out of sight out of mind.

The homeless are visible now affecting many areas.
There isn't a good answer. But it seems putting money into a park that was already a definite failure as an encampment seems a futile effort and a waste of funds.

We used to use the dog park. We stopped because it wasn't safe.

The plan to help a group for their safety jeopardizes the safety of others.

We are slip owners. I have young daughters
They couldn't go to the bathroom alone at the marina during the first encampment time. We made efforts to not be at the marina after dark as it wasn't safe.

They couldn't take the dog to the park because of safety.

Can you accept the threat to others in the effort to move homeless to houska once again? I understand we are boat owners we have means ect. But safety in our city areas should be foremost in every council members minds and putting homeless all mushed together in a spot that's not visible, hidden away as a problem solved isn't a solution. I wish I had one.

I fear for my own person, my daughters and their friends.... I fear for my boat neighbors who live on their boats. It's like putting a homeless campground in aspen valley. Or oak park or any other neighborhood with an accessible park. To protect the one you put the other at considerable risk. It's a sad situation. La crosse is fighting to be a tourist spot. A place for bikers and use of the river..... the view of lacrosse from the bridge from Minnesota would be this motley of garbage and disorder. The trails through there no longer accessible or safe.

I hope there is a better solution. But to do something that has already failed doesn't seem to be the right choice. I hope we can find a solution that can protect the homeless as well as keep the city areas safe for residents and visitors.

Thank you for your time.

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