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Hello Council Members!

I wanted to take the time to acknowledge something further as it was brought to my attention in another email and I think I should elaborate a bit more on this.

On the library board I voted yes to security, when I was on Council I voted no and continue to encourage you all to vote no on this but I would like to explain the differences in these situations.

I voted yes for security at the library because it was about balancing safety with access and services—keeping it a space for everyone, not excluding anyone. We have other measures in place at the library such as a social worker - the security is also under direction that they do not make the final calls on kicking people out or any other repercussions - these all go through library staff. They are there only to support and not as a policing agency. There are many measures in place before someone is asked to leave and library staff are consulted, this is a huge missing piece at the parks and ramps. The library even works with the Homeless outreach team to be sure they are able to come visit to connect with those on the housing list that may come up as their turn to get a place to live. This has been huge for the Pathways collaboration since it has been even harder to find folks with the camping ban. For the resolution you will vote on tonight it is giving power to these security guards to make the call, to kick a person out of a park or ramp with no other options. If there were more of a collaboration where police were involved in making those calls I would feel more comfortable because they are fully trained on those situations. I also understand that the security guards are not trying to cause harm - they are doing their job and they are kind and do what they can to help those visiting the parks and develop relationships with them as I have spoken to many of them but they also do not have the support they need to deal with certain situations in the correct way forcing them to take action and just kicking someone out. Security has expressed these concerns with me at the parks.

As you can see the library still continues to have many people experiencing homelessness attending, as for the parks and ramps - we have pushed them out into more dangerous places where they cannot be seen and heard. This is what worries me the most because when someone needs help and no one is around to help them, another life can easily be lost. Just sticking security in parks is very different from the library for many of the reasons I have stated above!

Thank you again for giving me the time to explain my vote that may feel hypocritical.

Please let me know if you have any further questions!

Mac Kiel  
City of La Crosse resident