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To City Engineer,

I am objecting to the special assessment that has been applied to my properties at 1623 Moore street & 1617 Moore street. The letter that I received on December 20th, 2025 indicates that the City of La Crosse "intends to exercise its police power in accordance with Sec. 38-1 of the Code of Ordinances" that are present for La Crosse. This letter also indicates that these properties benefited from the curb and gutter installation. While this maybe true in regards to rain water runoff it is also true that no one property owner asked for the street to be improved. I grew up on the 1600 block of Moore street and know that curb and gutter has never been present. However, since July 14th, 2011, the City of La Crosse has charged the properties at 1623 & 1617 Moore street for stormwater runoff on a quarterly basis (15⁺ years) over →

At no point in time did the City of La Crosse offer my mother, who owned the property prior, or myself a waiver to this fee. Prior to the recent installation of the curb and gutter most rain water runoff came down into the driveway of 1623 Moore street flooding it and often washing away the driveways leading down towards the garage. Repairs to the driveway were always completed by us. I bring this up because I believe some compensation is owed regarding being charged for storm water runoff for 13 1/2 years when this portion of the street had no curb and no gutters.

The letter received on December 22nd, 2025 appears to be the type of letter that was supposed to be sent to property owners prior to the beginning of the project or at the very least near the beginning (once project started) to alert home owners that there would be a special assessment due to the installatⁿ

of the curb and gutters. The letter also indicates that the estimates would be available "after construction is completed". The street project of the 1600 block of Moore street was completed in November 2024 nearly 13 months prior to receiving the special assessment letter in December 2025.

Additionally, prior to the beginning of the Street project we were sent a description of what was involved and when it would start. There was mention of sidewalks as well which the property owners had an opportunity to voice concerns & opinions. There was no ability to voice concerns or opinions about the installation of curb and gutter. If there had been a meeting to this subject we might have been able to find out about the special assessments at a time prior to the project starting.

Lastly, as the project began, several property owners voiced concerns about the new street with curb & gutter &

sidewalks, and how this might cost the property owners money. At that time we were told by our alderwoman the the cost of the project was to be taken care of by grants and other funding that was available. The onsite city engineer conveyed agreement with this message from our alderwoman.

Points of objection to special assessment

- 1) Lack of transparency and misleading information of future cost.
- 2) Timeliness of notice & distribution of special assessment letter
- 3) Lack of ability to have open discussion regarding placement of curb & gutter on 1600 Moore st.

Thank you for your time & attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

William F. Herber

William F. Herber owner of 1623 Moore
& 1617 Moore