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To all,

I am writing to say quite feeding the bears. What I mean is quite giving and giving of taxpayer money to the unsheltered population. The city has been doing this for 3 years now and it has not improved, rather it's made it worse. The influx of peoples from all over the country now know they should come to LaCrosse, because this city just keeps giving and giving.

I found out today that the city of Lacrosse cut the budget for Lights Over North LaCrosse, approx \$11,000 but the city has plenty of funds to give to homeless? Shame on the city for taking away a great community event! To give to people who trash the community.

There should be no camping anywhere in the city of LaCrosse except an actual campground. The proposed areas for camping seem ridiculous to invite this group of people into any neighborhood is asking for more attrition of the upstanding taxpayers of the city! How would any of these proposed sites be any different the Houska disaster or the EconoLodge disaster.

The hotel on French island is not the answer. They will just destroy it like the Econolodge and then the city will own a 2-million-dollar piece of crap property. That is unsellable. There is no easy access to services from the Island. None of this makes any sense.

Now I know there are a few homeless that are truly in need and those folks will work to get a hand up. Those that do not want help and just want handouts cannot be helped by any handouts.

"Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."  
Where is the accountability.

The homeless should be accountable for their actions. How about volunteering anywhere to earn what is given out freely. If they truly want help, this would be helpful and accountable

As a business owner, property owner, former foster parent, an active community member I am sure I will get ridiculed for my statements here, but the amount of funds the city is proposing to be spend on people who are not even from this community is out of hand.

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