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We support no camping in any city parks. We living and work in the downtown neighborhood, and have seen the decimation of Cameron Park and Burns park. We have stepped over sleeping homeless individuals in the park. I have found more used needles than I can count. I am routinely asked for money or drugs when downtown. The parking ramps are a stain on the city of La Crosse, as they are routinely used as a restroom. The safety of our children is paramount. They are currently not allowed to use the park due to safety concerns. We use to bring our grandchildren to Cameron park to play. Not any more! Shame on the Mayor for even considering this option. We have lived in La Crosse for over 40 years. It breaks our heart to see Cameron and Burns park be used by the homeless. Please consider other alternative options, such as utilizing the county resources. The City of La Crosse should not have to shoulder this burden.

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