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Hello, I've written in before but want to do so once again to express my support for rezoning the REACH center to allow for updates and more services like affordable dental care that are needed by our community.

I also welcome revising the decision to "ban homelessness" since that is not a sustainable reaction. Without adding more affordable housing, addressing stagnant wages and the other structural issues in place, we cannot expect criminalization of basic needs like sleeping to be a solution. We cannot simply turn away or say "not in my backyard." That is not a neighborly response nor a community that anyone wishes to be a part of.

Please consider the people who are simply looking for a chance to survive. Sure there will always be an "ideal" vision that could be possible but no one wins when we lose sight of humanity. There are many qualified and experienced social services offered in our community and can do their best work when we remove unnecessary hoops their clients must jump through such as worrying about being ticketed when their only option is sleeping outside.

I have lived in La Crosse for most of my life and hope you will continue to act on behalf of your constituents who wish this to be a welcoming place for all peoples. This city belongs to all and not just some.

Thank you,

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