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Hello all. My name is Marlene Dewald. I am the mother of Lara Philbrick-Dewald, one of the residents affected by the land dispute on Rivercrest Drive North in the Rivercrest Village Mobile Home Park in La Crosse. I am involved to assist and support her in this very difficult situation. I have also been privileged to get to know and meet with the other residents who live there and have been affected by this. Needless to say, they are all deeply concerned and feeling much stress over the potential loss of their homes which mean a great deal to them. It seems appalling that this matter cannot be settled in a more reasonable way. To have to move out of their homes which they are unable to sell, supposedly move older mobile homes (which would probably be impossible, unsafe for the structure and extremely costly,) and find new comparable places is all pretty unbelievable. They would lose everything they have put into their homes, all equity, memories, etc. They love their homes and want very much to stay. They seem to have been put into an almost impossible situation and through no fault of their own. Unfortunately there seems to be a huge rift between the City of La Crosse and the real estate owners who own the mobile home park which seems to overshadow everything. The residents are like "sitting ducks" in this matter and it is completely unfair and unjust.

I hope the emphasis can start to be on these affected residents, all with their own stories, all people who have contributed to society and/or the La Crosse community, all PEOPLE. I hope and pray that both the City and the Realtors can assume some responsibility in the history of this situation and where it is now. There needs to be some compromise, some mediation/conversation with the residents involved and their support systems.

Can we be creative in working out a solution? The resident group already has some creative ideas which could be explored so that everyone can be a winner. Who wants to hear their ideas? The Vision statement for La Crosse is this: "La Crosse is a city of choice – A COMMUNITY FOR A LIFETIME – that offers the highest possible quality of life." Let's work towards that. Don't ruin these lives and add to the homeless problem in La Crosse. A solution can be found to help these people. The City and the Realtors need to help them to rectify this, financially and otherwise.

Best wishes to everyone this Memorial Day weekend as we remember our veterans and others who have "gone before us." Please imagine what it would be like to face losing your home and everything you have put into it. That would be devastating for anyone.

This email can be shared to others as needed.

Sincerely,
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