June 1, 2024

To members oft he La Crosse City Council, and Mayor Mitch Reynolds:

We are signing and sending this letter on behalf of 6 home owners on the 400 block of Rivercrest Drive North, Rivercrest Village, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Our friend and fellow parishioner, at Roncalli Newman Parish, Ginny Kreyer and her husband Rick, and their five neighboring families are facing the possibility of displacement and the eviction of their homes and all their property by the City of La Crosse's decision to terminate the lease the city has with Rivercrest Village Partners, the owners of Rivercrest Village, the mobile home park where Ginny and her neighbors reside. The problem is a disputed lease between owners of the MHP (Mobile Home Park) where these 6 families reside, and the City of La Crosse which owns the small sublet parcel of land where the 6 homes are located.

The week before Easter the 6 home owners were informed by the MHP of the existence of the sublet and that the city was not renewing HMP's lease for the sublet and the six families had to remove their homes and all of their property from the parcel by the end of June. The decision regarding the ending of the lease and the "eviction of all property" was made in the January/February city legislative cycle, with no input from the affected parties. If this lease is not renewed, the relocation/displacement would mean moving their homes, families, and everything they own without promise of assistance or compensation... Ginny and Rick have lived in their home for the past 18 years and for all those years it has been THEIR HOME. We don't know how long their 5 neighbors on the north end of Rivercrest Village have been living in their homes but for that time period that has been THEIR HOME AND THEIR LIFE. Mike and I have lived in La Crosse for the past 48 years and we can not imagine living anywhere else.

Please do not make these 6 homeowners in Rivercrest Village move, or take away their homes and their lives as they know them. Some just moved in and plan on living there forever. Some have lived there forever and will end their lives there. Since the homeowners received the notices from MHP in late April, the residents have had several meetings with their alderman and also the MHP's lawyer. As a result, another resolution is going before the June legislative session to extend the lease for another year. The resolution is published on Legistar City of La Crosse, Wisconsin - File #: 24-0701 (legistar.com)

Please support Resolution 24-0701 and prevent this termination of the iease These six families are being threatened with displacement and total loss of security, safety and investment. The costs and risk are beyond what anyone could have planned for, and there is a real danger that some may not be able to move their homes safely to another location.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Mary Therese Regner and Micheal Ray Regner