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Dear Ms. Emslie,

I learned that the ECDC will be discussing proposals for what to do with the old South Branch Library building and would like to share my thoughts. I am Carrie Melin and live at 1512 Adams St., La Crosse, WI. I live about a block and a half away from the old library. I have attended my neighborhood association meetings and have had the chance to review the proposals and updated proposals and feel that the proposal from Tostrud and Temp would be a very nice fit into our neighborhood. As a second choice, I think that Willow Grove could be an option. They have put forward a plan that repurposes the old library building.

After the South Branch Library was voted to be a Local Historic Landmark, I thought that meant that it was to be repurposed and reused so I am confused that the proposal from Spies states that they want to tear down the building and build new buildings. I feel that is a bad idea because it would cost the city a lot to demolish that building. The stone building is strong and will last for many, many more years. It has a new roof and an updated HVAC system. The city has put a lot of money into that building in recent years so it is a waste of taxpayer dollars to tear the building down. I feel every effort should be made to repurpose the old library building.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Carrie Melin