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Hello concerned Council members,

I am a Community Health Worker Supervisor at the La Crosse Area Family YMCA. For more than a year, I have been at the Reach Center working on the Total Navigation Team which meets two days each week. We are a group of service providers doing intakes for clients looking to connect to resources. I also work with families who are referred from the La Crosse School District that are experiencing homelessness.

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the rezoning petition for the Reach Center. The Reach Center has been a valuable asset for the community by combining resources in one location to provide easier access to help especially for those with limited transportation.

Access to dental care has been a major problem with the families my team works with. Many wait 6 months or more and must find transportation to Cashton or Black River Falls for dental care. Clients suffering oral pain may turn to alternative remedies for relief which are unhealthy. Parents of children simply do not have access to transport their children out of town to see a dentist.

Scenic Bluffs could be the answer for dental care in La Crosse if the rezoning is approved. I urge you to pass this petition.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you,

Nancy Parcher (she/her) | Community Health Worker Supervisor

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