

Jennifer Swokowski

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Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 10:47 AM
To: Jennifer Swokowski
Subject: External: Public Input Regarding Conditional Use Permit for Lotus Recovery Home

To the members of the Manitowoc City Council and Mayor Justin Nickels:

I regret that I am unable to attend tonight's meeting in person but find this issue meaningful enough to draft this letter.

I encourage all of you to grant the requested conditional use permit for the Lake Street premises requested by Lotus.

We, as a community, need to continue to encourage and support those struggling with addiction to break the cycle. The granting of the conditional use permit will both encourage and support those working to better their lives and the lives of those affected by their addiction. This facility is just one of the many approaches our community is undertaking to combat addiction.

It is truly unfortunate that the husband-and-wife team standing in opposition to this request has chosen to fan the flames of fear with outright lies. My letter would be much too long if I were to address each lie told by this couple, however, I will address the most egregious. A sober living facility is not a correctional facility. To paint the residence as convicts is beneath contempt.

As my representatives, please approve the requested conditional use permit and support those working to break free from the bonds of addiction.

Thank you,
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