

To All Concerned:

As a resident of the Lake Edge Neighborhood, I would like to express my strong opposition to the potential sale of all or part of the Monona Golf Course. This property is a green space and recreational jewel in the heart of Madison's East side. I personally do not golf, but use the course for cross-country skiing and find it a great recreational resource close to my home.

It is unfortunate that the golf course is not generating enough revenue to support its operation. Before you decide to close the course, I implore you to explore all options – perhaps a long-term lease to a private operator with use limited to golf course/open space, a new clubhouse that could better generate revenue by hosting special events such as weddings, etc.

If despite all efforts it is determined that a golf course operation cannot succeed, the property should still remain in the public domain as park/open space. A sale of the property would be extremely short-sighted as the revenue would be exhausted in no time and residents left with nothing. Further, a sale of all or part of the golf course is completely counter to the City's own goals regarding active living (as stated on the Public Health website), namely:

- Promoting community design and development that supports physical activity; and
- Facilitating access to safe, accessible, and affordable places for physical activity.

Please keep this vital and beautiful asset in the public trust. Thank you for listening.

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