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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern about the Occupy Madison plan to turn 205 S. Stoughton Road into a Tiny House Village District. I have many reasons to oppose this idea. The city of Madison has requirements about property aesthetics for homeowners that they will enforce if a homeowner is non-compliant. Is the City going to enforce the ordinances the same way they do other homeowners?

Putting a Tiny House Village in the middle of a heavily semi-truck trafficked commercial area is not only unsafe but is not in the best interest of the community using the area and roads. S. Stoughton Road is heavily trafficked to big vehicles due to the surrounding businesses on Robertson and Atlas Ave.

I am concerned about the property values being conserved as well as safety of the surrounding properties. Village residents will not have managers on the property at all times to enforce proper behaviors which will create inappropriate behaviors and noise. Ultimately the surrounding properties would be affected.

The East side of Madison has similar encampments on Dairy Drive and Aberg Avenue. They have had large numbers of Police department calls for service that included arson, battery, checks on people or property, death investigations, disturbance of unwanted persons, domestic disturbances, fights, noise complaints, strong-armed robbery, thefts, threats, and weapon offenses. That doesn't include fire departments calls for service. The east side of Madison doesn't need another "village" to be placed to increase those calls for service.

I have lived in the Rolling Meadows Neighborhood since 1973 and have been a proud property owner until recent years. The City of Madison is making decisions about accommodating the wants of people instead of looking at what is right and good for current homeowners and business owners. Putting homeless "villages" in neighborhoods is not being respectful to keeping up the standards of a neighborhood.

Therefore, I request each of you to give this topic a long and hard look as "Is this the right decision to make for Rolling Meadows Neighborhood, the City of Madison, and the commercial businesses in that area?"

Sincerely,
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