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Racine City Council
In Care Of Richard Jones
Commissioner of Public Works
City of Racine, Wisconsin
730 Washington Avenue
Room 303
Racine, WI 53403

Dear City Council Members,

I would like to contribute a twelve lot parcel of land, located at 1707 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 2; 1711 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 3; 1715 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 4; 1719 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 5; 1723 Eleventh St. Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 6; 1727 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 7; 1731 Eleventh St. Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 8; 1735 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 9; 1741 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 10; 1745 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 11; 1747 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lots 12 & 13; 1757 Eleventh St., Blk 8 Herrick's Partition Plat Lot 14, to the City of Racine for any purpose the City Council deems appropriate.

These lots were purchased by my husband, in my name, as an investment several years ago. He maintained the lots; I had nothing to do with the property. My husband died over 3 years ago. I am now the single mother of six children who range in age from 4 to 11 years. My oldest daughter, age 9, has Down syndrome. My parental responsibilities are nearly all-consuming.

I do not have the financial, nor the time, resources necessary to continue to maintain the lots on Eleventh Street. I have attempted to sell the lots, but my realtor has informed me that the lots are "unbuildable" and therefore unsellable. I understand that the lots would be buildable with the construction of a retaining wall. Again, however, I haven't the resources to invest in that construction.

The City of Racine could more likely invest the time and effort necessary to put the lots to good use. So, I would like to donate the lots to the City. By donating this land I will relinquish all rights, all responsibilities, and all financial obligations associated with this land.

If the City Council accepts this offer, I understand that I would be required to sign over ownership to the City in more formal documents. I would be happy to sign whatever documentation the City develops to accomplish the change in ownership and to hold me free from any current or future obligation in association with this land.

Please call me at 262-681-6160 if you have any question or require additional information. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Susan M. Liapis