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Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 10:55 AM
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Subject: Muslin Camp proposal

Dear Karen,

I am a resident of North Liberty. I've lived here 49 years except for the 6 1/2 I spent in the Army. I am totally against this proposed Muslim "youth camp". The proposal they've put forward is completely out of place for the area. The congestion and stress on the infrastructure and services would be overwhelming. I don't care if they want to pay for it themselves. That won't do anything about the traffic, sewer, etc. and future tax burden. The impact would be enormous. It seems more appropriate to put it nearer to an interstate/airport/large city where the services they will require can be provided. The experience of the Maharishi's followers in Fairfield is still fresh. Will the Muslims eventually demand to carve out a "Muslim" city in a few years?

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This proposal is called a "youth camp" but it appears to be something completely different. I oppose it in any form. The mood of the residents in this area, and the people of the US in general, is not too fond of Muslims right now. This type of use for the land is wrong in the first place, but to do it now is really a bad idea. Most people have an impression of what a Muslim "camp" will be from the news programs. True or not, that is the impression people have. It isn't a good one.

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When I was younger, there was a Boy Scout explorer base out there. At some point it was shut down. The area is currently off limits to vehicles, ATV's, Snowmobiles, etc. The only thing you can do there is walk through it. How can these uses be bad for it and this proposed massive convention center be good? I am against this "special ethnic group" getting privileges that residents and citizens don't have.

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I see that the City of North Liberty has proposed leasing the same property, I suspect to block this camp. I am completely in favor of that idea. Many years ago there was a small shelter out there and it was known as "North Liberty Park". I suspect the Corps built or maintained the shelter, but it was really a nice use for the area. It should be that way again, or leave it alone.

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Thank you for listening.
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