



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**LA CROSSE**

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*Mayor Kabat's 2017 priorities for departments and committees*

1. Neighborhoods:
  - a. Establish permanent funding for community-oriented police officers
  - b. Finalize strategy and process for chronic nuisance cases and rental inspections
  - c. Complete 2016 and 2017 CIP neighborhood infrastructure projects (Goosetown–Campus, GENA, Holy Trinity–Longfellow and Logan Northside)
  - d. Complete Powell Park face-lift, begin Trane Park all-abilities project
  - e. Address long-term operations of branch libraries
  - f. Address changes and improvements to MTU
  - g. Implement city transportation vision through “Strategy H” projects, Highway 53 master plan and South Avenue plan
  - h. Address floodplain challenges, implement floodplain relief
2. Housing & local economy:
  - a. Push existing programs to do more including housing replacement, housing rehabilitation, lot inventory, paint & fix-up and small business loans
  - b. Realize completion of Bakalars & Roosevelt projects, address homelessness challenges, facilitate Kane Street project
  - c. Continue rental housing improvement loan program
  - d. Propose legislation on minimum housing quality standards, limiting single-family rentals
  - e. Advance redevelopment of former Trane Plant 6 and 800 Rose Street
3. City hall reform & budget:
  - a. Implement employee self-service (payroll/timekeeping) and recruiting self-service (applications/forms)
  - b. Implement debit/credit card payments at city hall offices and on-line
  - c. Implement 789-CITY system for citizen questions and concerns
  - d. Continue merging/streamlining committees
  - e. Address organizational assessment and re-organization issues
  - f. Start good idea committee, develop employee residency incentive program
  - g. Continue Coffees with Kabat
  - h. Compare and evaluate health care, wellness program and employee benefits
4. Human rights commission:
  - a. Engage community, develop recommendations for improvement
  - b. Make city hall workforce more representative of community
  - c. Establish neighborhood/cultural liaison for city services and programs

5. Regional services and agreements:
  - a. Complete boundary agreement with Shelby
  - b. Complete regional revenue sharing/sewer services/water services negotiations with Onalaska, Campbell, Shelby and La Crescent
6. Sustainability and energy independence:
  - a. Meet 25% by 2025 goals
  - b. Consider feasibility of M Power, Green Tier, PACE project(s)
  - c. Plant more trees
  - d. Begin La Crosse River marsh watershed/land use plan update
  - e. Complete Hixon Forest master plan
  - f. Re-establish blufflands protection program including acquisition, restoration, recreational development and maintenance
7. Special projects:
  - a. La Crosse Center – finalize renovation plan
  - b. Emergency operations plan – conduct drills
  - c. Oktoberfest grounds and surrounding area, Xcel Energy property, LCHS museum
  - d. Develop plan and recommendations for new fire station, emergency medical services contract
  - e. Municipal pool and pool committee, recommendations
  - f. Senior center committee, recommendations for development/management
  - g. Continue summer youth employment program
  - h. Community health improvement plan goals