

Dear Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee,

On behalf of Mayo Clinic Health System, I am writing to express our support for the resolution that would authorize the City of La Crosse to sign leases and subleases as part of the Pathways-Held Leases Strategy.

When Mayo Clinic Health System made a \$100,000 donation to support the Pathways Home initiative in 2023, we did so with full confidence in the City's leadership to develop innovative and thoughtful solutions to address homelessness in our community. We are pleased to see that vision coming to life through this pilot strategy.

This effort reflects the kind of collaborative and proactive approach we know is needed to reduce housing instability—an issue that directly impacts individual and community health. As a health care organization, we recognize that housing is more than shelter; it is a foundation for well-being.

We appreciate the City's continued work to bring forward practical, people-centered solutions like this and encourage the Finance and Personnel Committee—and later the Common Council—to support this resolution. Mayo Clinic Health System remains committed to working together to build a healthier, more stable community for all.

Sincerely,

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Mayo Clinic Health System

