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Good morning City Council members! Please see the forwarded message below.

I saw a great LTE in the Tribune this morning from an Aron Newberry that I'll steal a quote from: "This investment in professional management will pay dividends by creating a more efficient, stable, and prosperous community for all La Crosse residents."

When I was on the City Council in my hometown, a community in southeastern Minnesota of under 4k people, I assumed having a City Administrator was the norm. Even though we had our political differences (as a healthy democracy should), having this leadership position allowed City business to run much more smoothly, and as Aron said, allowed elected officials to focus on long-term vision.

I hope you'll support this at J+A tonight. Thanks for all you do!

You can read the full letter here https://lacrossetribune.com/opinion/letters/la-crosse-needs-consistent-professional-leadership---aron-newberry/article_6bd11530-7ec7-11ef-8174-97834a746b1d.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawFownFleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHdSwACx2_p015OC2BKhH-pMwqmpF4Av7lBDqr2SA3jonXG3dCCUE3S73ug_aem_Rt30Sry9rG_Ll1v-RbcuFw

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Good afternoon Kristen,

I am writing to express my full support for creating a City Administrator position. I appreciated the comprehensive breakdown of the "rationale" on the City website, too.

As a newly elected supervisor on the La Crosse County Board, I've really enjoyed getting to know our Admin Jane Klekamp and to see how the flow of communication between department heads to her to the Board works. La Crosse County also has the opportunity to work collaboratively with the City on the Pathways Home plan, and you're well aware of the road bumps we've recently had to navigate.

I think an admin in La Crosse would be a huge benefit to the City. Perhaps with more consistency the Mayor's job would be less overwhelming from the start of onboarding and orientation. My small hometown in southeastern Minnesota has had an admin for years, and when I was on Pine Island City Council from

2018 to 2022 I saw firsthand how having an admin kept things internally organized so externally we could provide the best services to our community members.

Hope you're doing well and staying safe. Thanks for all you do.

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