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Subject: Context Ahead of Council Meeting – Mayo Clinic Health System Professional Arts Building Appeal

Good evening, Council Members,

I have had the opportunity to engage with several of you over the years in various capacities. For those I haven't met, I serve as Director of Community Engagement for Mayo Clinic Health System and have been a member of the La Crosse community for nearly three decades. I wanted to reach out personally ahead of tomorrow's council meeting regarding the appeal related to the Mayo Clinic Health System Professional Arts Building on 10th Street.

As you may know, the building was recently nominated by an outside party to receive a City of La Crosse historic designation. The Heritage Preservation Commission approved the designation based on the ordinance. We've filed an appeal, so the Council has the opportunity to assess the designation more broadly.

I thought it might be helpful to share a little more context.

We have no plans to demolish or leave the Professional Arts Building. In fact, we've made significant investments in it in recent years and view it as an important part of our long-term presence in La Crosse.

More broadly, we have worked to approach our planning in partnership with the city. Over the years, we have engaged with the Planning Department, as well as current and former mayors, at key points in our planning process, including more recent discussions related to the new hospital and conversations around a potential medical overlay or zoning approach for our campus.

Our goal has been to work together on these longer-term decisions - balancing community priorities, thoughtful development, and the evolving needs of healthcare, rather than having those decisions unfold in a more one-sided way.

That's really what's behind this appeal. It's not about opposing historic preservation, but about making sure we're able to plan responsibly and continue investing in how we serve this community over time.

We're looking forward to being there tomorrow and sharing more. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Livingston