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Subject: In Support of City Administrator

Hello Council Members,

I attended the February 3rd J&A meeting and listened carefully to discussion(s) about the proposed City Administrator as well as read the related agenda packet items. Thank you to Council Member Newberry for his hard work the past 15 months revising the original proposal with thorough research, advice and guidance. I am in full support of a City Administrator. I love this city, and we need to move forward.

As a business operating in La Crosse, we are committed to the long-term economic vitality and stability of our region. For that reason, we want to express our support for the creation of a City Administrator position within the City's organizational structure. The City cannot afford to delay this action any further.

La Crosse would benefit from a professional administrator who can provide consistent day-to-day management, coordinate departmental operations, and establish a clear line of accountability within city government. Many municipalities in Wisconsin have adopted this model, and businesses see improved efficiency, clearer communication, and more predictable processes in communities with an administrator.

Our business depends on a local government structure that is efficient, stable, and forward-looking. Adding a City Administrator would help La Crosse remain competitive, attract investment, and support a thriving economic environment that benefits all its residents.

Thank you for considering this perspective. We look forward to productive dialogue on how La Crosse can strengthen its administrative capacity and support sustainable growth.

Sincerely,

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