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Subject: Re: Support for the City Administrator Ordinance

Dear Members of the Common Council:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed City Administrator Ordinance and encourage the Council to approve the creation of a professional City Administrator position for the City of La Crosse.

As a business leader in the La Crosse area, I recognize the importance of strong and consistent leadership in organizations responsible for managing complex operations, significant budgets, and long term strategic priorities. La Crosse serves as a regional economic hub with growing responsibilities related to infrastructure, economic development, housing, and public safety. A dedicated City Administrator would provide the full time executive management necessary to ensure these functions are coordinated effectively and executed efficiently, allowing elected officials to focus on policy development and representing the interests of their constituents.

The City's annual budget exceeds \$70 million. Few organizations of that size operate successfully without experienced executive leadership focused on day to day administration, financial oversight, and organizational performance. Just as successful businesses rely on professional management to achieve their objectives, the City of La Crosse would benefit from having a qualified administrator responsible for managing operations, coordinating departments, and implementing the Council's vision.

From a business perspective, consistency and clarity in government decision making are essential. Businesses making investment decisions, pursuing development projects, or considering expansion need predictable processes and reliable points of contact. A professional City Administrator can provide continuity and stability that extends beyond election cycles. This consistency helps reduce confusion, improve communication, and create a more business friendly environment.

In addition, a City Administrator can strengthen coordination among city departments, helping projects move more efficiently from planning to completion. Businesses and developers benefit when city processes are clear, timelines are predictable, and departments work together toward common goals. Improved execution and accountability can help attract new investment while supporting the businesses already committed to our community.

Many successful municipalities similar in size and complexity to La Crosse utilize professional management structures because local government has become increasingly sophisticated. Communities that embrace this

model are often better positioned to respond to challenges, pursue opportunities, and maintain a long term strategic focus. As our region continues to compete for businesses, workforce talent, housing development, and economic growth, it is important that La Crosse has the organizational structure necessary to succeed. La Crosse is at an important point in its future. Continued growth and economic vitality require leadership, efficiency, and effective management. Establishing a City Administrator position is a positive step toward ensuring the City remains competitive, responsive, and well positioned for long term success.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to our community. I respectfully encourage the Common Council to support the City Administrator Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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