10 December, 2024

Dear Economic and Community Development Committee Members,

We are writing to introduce ourselves and express our interest in the replacement home located at 1709 29th St S. My name is Anna Erdman and my Husband's name is Isaac Erdman. We have been excitedly waiting for this home to be listed since our application was submitted about a year ago.

Isaac and I have been married for 2 1/2 years. We started dating as 15 and 16 year olds in High School. We grew up in Holmen, Wisconsin and some of our best memories even back then were hikes at Hixon Forest, photos at Riverside and Prom at the La Crosse Center. We knew we wanted to stay in the area after High School.

After graduation, we both completed degrees at Western Technical College, me with a general Associates of Arts degree and Isaac with a degree in Healthcare Technology Management. Isaac has now been working at Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, for around 2 years as a Biomedical Technician. I am staying home for the time being as we welcomed our first child into the world on Christmas Day.

With Isaac's love and commitment to his job at Gundersen and our love for the area, we have been hopeful to find a home to build our family in La Crosse. In the 1709 29th St home Isaac would hope to bike to work and be close to the ORA mountain biking trails, as he enjoys biking in his free time. I would love all of the opportunities for our son, from the beautiful parks and walking trails nearby to the wonderful public library and other fun opportunities that are always around for children.

Other qualifying factors:

- •Our application has been submitted since 2023.
- •We are first time homebuyers.
- •We have completed an HUD certified homebuyer course through CouleeCap.

Thank you for your time both considering our application as well as serving on this committee.

Kindly,

Anna and Isaac Erdman