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Dear Councilmembers,

First off, thank you all for your thoughtful dedicated service to the City of La Crosse.

I am writing to express my support for moving forward to hire a city administrator. I remember hearing about this idea four or five years ago and I thought, and still do think, that it makes a lot of sense for a city of La Crosse's size and complexity to have a position like this. This is, however, my first time writing to you to express this view. I understand you have been and still are interested in public input on this matter and so here I am speaking up.

Personally, I am strongly in favor of the idea of hiring a city administrator. I see this role as an important support for the mayor and the other city leaders who are stretched thin. We need these people doing the jobs they are there to do, not an administrator job that could be more efficiently and effectively handled by an individual hired for that purpose. As I'm sure employees in many other sectors can attest, constantly trying to "do more with less" eventually results in getting less, and that is not good enough for me when it comes to our city. The other people working hard on behalf of the city deserve to have a full team to support them and coordinate their efforts for optimal payoff and I am excited to see what a city administrator could do for us in terms of positive change.

I understand that an issue currently before you is whether to pause for further input from the public. While commendable, that endless desire for more input can function as a stalling tactic. I first heard about this idea years ago, and the working group has gathered information from those most impacted. I elected you to make informed decisions on my behalf, and I believe you should all feel empowered to represent residents of the city and make decisions to move us forward without unnecessary delay.

Sincerely,

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