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Dear Mx. Schadeberg and Council Members,

I am writing as a citizen residing at 1715 Barnabee Rd in La Crosse, WI, to express my support of adding a public administrator into the La Crosse's City Government. My personal and professional experience with the City of La Crosse has provided many opportunities to see where this position would benefit the City and its citizens. There are a number of silos that I have experienced between the various departments and depending on who you talk to at the City, you may get somewhat different answers or not be made aware of other resources available. Having someone with the daily oversight and authority to project manage the various departments in alignment with the goals set by the Mayor and Council would create efficiencies both within and across departments and externally with partner organizations.

I understand this can feel like a tremendous change and budget update but this is one of those moves that will allow for positive growth and will undoubtedly bring new opportunities as well as cost savings from the success of having a qualified administrator keeping the beat for everyone to work in tandem instead of against each other. Many other cities have shown what a successful working relationship can be with a city administrator, mayor and council, and I believe La Crosse is in a great position to see these benefits as well.

I'm happy to speak more about my experiences, and I encourage the City to support this new position from the mindset of an opportunity for growth.

Thank you,

Anna Sprague