

Dear Economic & Community Development Committee Members,

I'm KJ Krzyzanowski, an applicant for the City of La Crosse Replacement Housing Program. I'm thrilled and humbled to have an opportunity to place an offer for the home at 1709 29th Street.

Getting my offer ready has been a flurry of excitement and nerves. The greatest feeling being a sense of certainty and optimism that I have the chance for my son Toby and I to own a home. Being a single-father with a 4-year old is not something I had hoped for in life, but I intend to pursue every chance to give my son all the opportunities he deserves. The safety and security of our own home would provide him so many opportunities, like having his own room. Having a secure place to keep his bike so we can ride to school together. Having a kitchen big enough to learn to cook in. Having a backyard where we can plant a garden and grow our own food to cook in the kitchen!

And most of all, having a place to call home. We've been in a small 1-bedroom apartment for the past year and a half. He tells his friends, "An apartment is a place you live while you wait for a house." I would love to tell him that the wait is over!

Financially, I am in a great position to benefit from this opportunity. I have a steady, full-time job as a Youth Program Specialist at UWL. I have a great credit score and enough funds for a modest down payment. And I have the mindset to really make the most of this opportunity by maintaining financial choices that prioritize Toby and I having a home to call our own.

Finally, I intend to make sure the City of La Crosse benefits by awarding me this opportunity. I plan to maintain the home and build strong connections in the community. As a youth worker, I have plans for The Pizza Project, a future youth program focused on creativity, culture, and building a strong sense of self. It would be invaluable to have a home where I can meet with community members to brainstorm ways to bring this project to life for the youth of La Crosse. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

KJ Krzyzanowski