



July 8, 2026

Nikki Elsen
La Crosse City Clerk
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

RE: Petition for Direct Legislation

Dear Clerk Nikki Elsen,

My name is William Garcia and, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 9.20, I am filing a petition on behalf of La Crosse electors who request that the attached proposed ordinance be adopted by the City of La Crosse Common Council or referred to a vote of the electors without alteration.

According to the statute, the signatures on a direct legislation petition must equal at least 15 percent of the votes cast for governor at the last general election. In the 2022 November general election, 21,982 electors cast ballots for governor in La Crosse per the La Crosse County official canvass. Accompanying this letter are 637 petition sheets containing approximately 5,045 signatures of La Crosse electors, which exceeds the 3,297 signatures statutorily required.

You will also find that the petition and the proposed ordinance are in proper form and that certification is warranted. But, please notify me of any insufficiency or improper form. I can be reached electronically at _____ or by phone at 608-667-6760.

For the convenience of your office, I have also transmitted the petition sheets and ordinance to your office electronically in PDF format.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions that you may have.

Thank you,

William Garcia

608-667-6760.