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Hello Mr. Mayor and Council members,

I would like to urge you to approve the building of the housing that was not approved by the J&A committee (first agenda item here). La Crosse desperately needs more housing stock, and the cost of new developments is exceeding what typical incomes in La Crosse can afford.

I know that you all have received more information on why this housing is needed, and how it would benefit the community. \$700 single bedroom housing is not even what I would consider affordable for the working poor who make up 37% of our community according to recent United Way reporting.

If we continue to turn away attempts to build housing below market rates, our housing crisis will get worse. The health and wellbeing of our community is dependent on making it possible for our citizens to meet their need for shelter. As a community, we cannot put the interests of neighbors who oppose development over the common good of the community at large.