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I am writing to express my strong support for items 895, 906, and 902. All three items are housing projects. I have been volunteering with tenants and working on housing issues in the community for a few years, and I can say with confidence that we need more affordable housing. La Crosse has a very low vacancy rate, and is riddled with worn down rental properties. Renters face a difficult market, and those coming from the worst circumstances often have to settle for subpar housing, as it is all that they can afford. These projects will help build new housing and control rental and ownership costs, opening doors for those who are being left behind by our current housing market.

Housing is the largest expense for the average household. Decent, affordable housing is the backbone to building up a strong community and helping individuals and families build wealth. It is no secret that La Crosse is struggling with homelessness and housing instability as well. Increasing our housing stock is a foundational piece of getting every person in La Crosse into safe, stable housing. I hope that these items are fully funded, and that the city can continue to put effort and resources into housing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.