

Letter of Support for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

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To members of La Crosse Common Council, Planning Department and all whom it may concern,

As a young resident and property owner in La Crosse, I am writing to express my support for expanded access to ADUs as an option for property owners and prospective residents alike. In an appreciable contrast to large-scale, developer-led, and hardline profit-driven urban growth in La Crosse, ADUs have significant potential to expand housing options in a way that is small-scale, compatible with established neighborhoods, resident-led and controlled, and conducive to a wider array of potential needs and living arrangements. The modest scale and cost of an ADU is intrinsically tailored to the socioeconomics of the working class and is emblematic of a more diverse and democratic housing stock. Furthermore, the extent to which carriage houses, garages and similar auxiliary structures are already served by the City's infrastructure and alleyways is indicative of the substantial opportunity at hand—that is, for residents to reimagine secondary structures as a useful means of housing, in service of the domestic and financial needs of family, friends, neighbors, future neighbors and the City of La Crosse.

Thank you for your attention, and I hope to see your support for expanded ADU policy.

Sincerely,

Matt Bryan