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Dear City of La Crosse Council Members,

We appreciate living in a historical neighborhood, being close to downtown, and with proximity to nature. We support the change requested by the REACH Center as the services are crucial to the La Crosse community. Helping those in need of housing assistance and ensuring children are receiving dental care fill basic human needs. Providing opportunities to thrive for those with the less is one of the most important things we can do in society.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead said the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur that had been broken and then healed. A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts.

Let's be civilized.

Respectfully,

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