

PRESS RELEASE

LACASA ANNOUNCES GOSHEN MAYOR JEREMY STUTSMAN AS NEW CEO

After a national search for a new leader, the Lacasa Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mayor Jeremy Stutsman has accepted the position of CEO. Since 2016, Stutsman has served the Goshen community as mayor, while also owning a property rental and construction business.

“In addition to understanding the communities we serve,” said Brett Weddell, Lacasa Board chair, “Mayor Stutsman brings proven administrative leadership, an understanding of property management, demonstrated collaborative capabilities, and a commitment to excellence. As Lacasa expands its footprint, he is well-prepared to lead us into the future.”

Mayor Jeremy P. Stutsman is a Goshen High School graduate and in 2021 was added to the Goshen Community Schools Wall of Fame. Attending Butler University, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

From 2001 to 2016, Stutsman was the full-time owner and manager of Lofty Ideas LLC, a renovation and property rental company. He and his wife continue to own and manage the business today. Beginning in 2008, he was the second youngest person to be elected to the Goshen City Council as an At-Large member. He served in that position until being elected the youngest mayor in the history of Goshen in 2016.

When asked about his decision to assume the leadership position at Lacasa, Stutsman replied, “While I love my current job, the Lacasa CEO position brings together my love for servant leadership and my community, my government connections, and my 18+ years of construction experience. It allows me to continue serving our community and those who need help finding a path to a secure and prosperous future.”

At Lacasa, Mayor Stutsman will lead a mission-driven organization that continues to evolve and change. The Lacasa mission is to work with individuals and community partners to create opportunity for personal empowerment, family stability, and neighborhood vitality. Since 1970 the organization has been tireless in serving the Elkhart County region.

Lacasa has an unquestionable record of success built on improving housing, strengthening neighborhoods, and facilitating wealth building for individuals of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and nationalities.

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As he reflects on how his past experiences connect to his impending work at Lacasa, Stutsman notes, “I am excited to be part of an organization that brings people with differing socio-economic backgrounds and perspectives together to build a stronger community. During my time as mayor, we were able to raise funds for city projects, multiple initiatives, and local nonprofits because we took a positive and non-partisan approach. I believe building relationships across party lines and throughout local, state and federal levels of government will continue to produce great outcomes, both for Lacasa and our community.”

Lacasa is a nonprofit housing agency, with programs to help clients achieve financial stability. Lacasa believes that everyone deserves a strong foundation, from becoming a homeowner to improving credit scores; from finding an affordable rental to receiving home repair assistance.

Lacasa owns and operates 342 rental housing units in Elkhart County. Over the past three years, with the housing shortage in Northern Indiana, Lacasa has created the largest real estate development pipeline of projects in the agency’s history, including both rentals and homes for homeownership.

Lacasa invites individuals and employers to become partners and supporters of an agency that actively makes a tangible difference in the lives of people across Elkhart County. For more information go www.Lacasainc.net

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