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Dear council members. I am a resident of ward 2. It has come to my attention that you are considering hiring design firm Six Pony Hitch in order to research the presence of systemic racism in Missoula. I am writing you to urge you to not take this course of action. The reason is quite simple. One look at their team reveals not a single person of color. Not one person on this team has the lived experience of racism in America. As the beneficiaries of white supremacy from cradle to the grave, white America lives in a delusional colorblind innocence and lacks the vocabulary to effectively understand the problems that BIPOC communities are faced with. If Six Pony Hitch was the least bit serious about tackling an issue like this, they would have people of color on their team. No, these are not the people who will help solve these problems. As eager and sincere as they may be, they are white people who see the world through the lens of whiteness. Fortunately for you, there are solutions presented by people of color, as well as design firms that are staffed by people of color. They may not exist here in Montana, so you may have to look outside our community, but that is what is required of you. Do not spend our tax dollars on white people telling us how to solve black and brown problems.

Thank you
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