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Greetings Missoula city council members,

My name is Anni Gordon and I am a Missoula resident who goes to college here and works in construction. I was very sad to see that despite large outcry from Missoula community members and the world on police brutality towards BIPOC, the new budget proposal has no focus whatsoever on defunding the police and investing in the health of BIPOC community members. It is unacceptable that only $2 million is going towards housing and community development while over $19 million is going to the police. What Missoula does not need is more money poured into the police department. What we desparately need is to put more funding into the mobile crisis response team, affordable housing trust fund, mental health services, emergency and transitional housing, local substance use support, promoting Racial equity in public schools, and healthcare services. Please do what we elected you to do and listen to your community.

Thanks for your time and your work,

Anni