From: Jan McArthur
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
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Dear City Council Members,
I am writing to comment on the proposed budget. I am affronted at the idea of Missoula increasing the funding for police - especially for *riot gear and armored personnel carriers!!* This is preparing our police to be WARRIORS rather than officers of peace and safety. This completely contradicts what Missoula is about. I am shocked to even hear that this funding is being considered.

Please direct budgetary funds to services which will enhance our community and create safety and diplomacy, such as:
~ more funding for mobile crisis response team
~ mental health services
~ substance use support
~ programs for racial equity training in schools
~ emergency/transitional housing
~ more funding for affordable housing trust fund
~ any other great ideas which are in alignment with Missoula's values

Thank you for making the right call on this,
Jan McArthur