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Missoula City Council,

I would love to be able to trust my Mayor and city council. I would love to have people in your position of power to actually stand up for all of our community members and to truly reflect our communities values. Housing is a human right and people in Missoula are houseless and struggling RIGHT NOW. You can fix this. We're begging you to.

You continue to dismiss this communities pleas. You need to listen! And you need to answer our questions directly instead of saying "you'll return to them at a later time". It's later and you haven't answered! I have very little faith in your judgement at this point because of your refusal to act appropriately with direct action that leads to real change.

To be very clear on what we value in Missoula: We DO NOT need more funding to an already massive police budget. We have people in Missoula that are struggling to survive! Instead of investing more of our city's budget into the police that disproportionately target our houseless community members let's help those people get housing! Why are you okay with this! You are in THE position of power to change this! To actually improve our communities well being and directly make significant improvements to our citizens wellbeing! This and the list below is, as our Mayor has put it, a reflection of our community values.

What Missoula DOES need:

-Additional permanent funding for the Mobile Crisis Response Team

-Additional funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund

-Mental Health Services

-Emergency and Transitional Housing

-Local Substance Use Support

-Promoting Racial Equity in Schools

These are the needs TODAY in Missoula. This is what we value. Please, do better.

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Sent from my iPhone