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Hello City Council Members,

My name is Colin Bingham, I have been a Missoula resident my entire life. I wanted to get in touch with you to express my thoughts on the allocation of funding for the 2021 budget. I feel rather strongly that rather than increase funding for our police department we should invest in uplifting our community. Spending money on mental health providers, housing, anti-racism education, funding for minority owned/run small businesses, etc. will build up a stronger/closer community which will in turn lead to a decrease in the need for more policing/city monitoring. While I think an increase in law enforcement training and body cameras are a necessity for our law force I believe this should come from Missoula PDs current budget and a rearrangement of their current spending. I realize Missoula is better than many cities in respect to social services, community building, and our police department but there is no reason not to continue to improve and listen to what the people of Missoula hope to see. I hope there are some reconsiderations and revisions made to the FY2021 budget. Thank you for your time and energy.

Best,
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