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To:	Bryan von Lossberg; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
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Dear City Council,

I am a long time Missoula citizen, home-owner and tax-payer. I am also an Indigenous Montanan.

I am writing because it is the public's responsibility to hold elected officials responsible whenever there is any unnecessary use of force or death of a resident of Missoula by the hands of police who you oversee & fund.

I am writing to ask for transparency for the recent shooting & death of a Missoula resident by a police officer. Why was this man killed?

I have read the Missoulian article, which implies that this was a case of excessive force? Or perhaps murder (as some in the community have already suggested)?

Why was it necessary for a Missoula police officer to shoot & kill a man with a knife? Why not a taser? Why not call for backup & retreat? Why was shooting the first & seemingly only avenue of interaction?

Was there a mental health issue? And if so why not call a mental health crisis professional?

The community requires answers.

Thank you for your time & I look forward to your answers to each of my questions.

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