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Hello Missoula City Council,

Many Community members have expressed concern and even outrage about the developments on 4th st including The Reed and the recent purchase of the old Missoulian building.
I can remember this same outrage and "controversy" regarding the historic Mercantile a few years ago. Look at it now! It's a beautiful and thriving cornerstone of downtown Missoula.
I have sat in on several city council meetings- the same people demanding more housing will also denounce new development and housing and bemoan parking and increased vehicle traffic and changing neighborhoods.
This is understandable, however Missoula is GROWING and with growth comes change. You will never make everyone happy. You have to make hard choices that people will disagree with no matter what. Thanks for taking the responsibility and thank you for making the hard choices and bearing them with grace.

I will say that I do not agree with Aaron Wagner's comments recently, I do not think those comments represent Missoula.

I do think the development(s) on 4th St are a net positive for Missoula and downtown. As a resident of Ward 3 and someone who lives nearby the river trail I am excited for the growth.
As a renter, I can also empathize with Community frustration about the rising cost of housing. I myself have a good job and would ideally be a homeowner in Missoula one day- even with savings the housing market is waay too overpriced and unaffordable. I don't know how much of that is the City Council's responsibility though. I think that comes from government getting out of the way of private investment. We simply need more housing and in Missoula, I believe that means more mixed use zoning and more density. The reality of a growing city is building up and building more condos. It is what it is.

The City Council really goes through the ringer. Listening to much of the public comment it's clear people don't think it's necessary to be polite and respectful when expressing their opinions. You've heard the expression, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease".

I just wanted to let you know that there are also people in Missoula that look at the growth and development positively. This is part of living in a growing, vibrant community.

Thanks for all you do

-Kyle Ferris, Ward 3