From: Grant Melton
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Hip Strip/River Front Development
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Hello,

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment at the proposed development on the current Missoulian property. With all the talk of creating more affordable housing, especially after the last election, I'm shocked that the city council would approve of a project that creates housing solely for wealthy, out-of-state homeowners. This is an incredibly desirable location and to sell it off to folks who don't even live in this community is so incredibly sad. Is there a reason this lot cannot be re-zoned to be mixed use? What about proposing that half of these condos be for sale while the other half can be lotteried off to people who need housing (like they do in many big cities.) Why are we not considering this space to be a park for the community? Or an office building to bring more jobs to Missoula?

Separately, I'm incredibly upset by the comments made by the builder of this proposed condo building. Their values clearly do not align with the values of this proud, progressive community and something must be done. I'm hoping that the city council does the right thing, not the easy thing, and does something to stop this project. In order to get the community to support this project there *must* be an upside to Missoulians and it's the city council's civic responsibility to figure that out.

Thank you,
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