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To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
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I am writing in support of the rezoning proposal of Expo Parkway.

While it is appealing to think of Missoula as an uncrowded city that is not in need of denser and more diverse housing, that is no longer an accurate description of our city. Missoula is growing. We are past the point where we can afford for parts of our city to be limited to only single family large homes. If we do not increase housing density within our city limits, we are going to have to build further into our mountains and green space areas. Leaving a percentage of our population unhoused is not an acceptable option. Neither is it acceptable to have housing that is so expensive that those who might want to work here can not afford to live here. Denser housing is both more housing and more affordable housing. The current rezoning gives us an opportunity to significantly increase housing stock without losing open space area.

I understand the safety concerns that have been raised in terms of a single way in and out of Grant Creek, and would encourage you to consider how to deal with these safety concerns along with considering the rezoning. These concerns are not a reason to squash the project. Safety in our city includes knowing that all of our residents can find safe and affordable housing.

Thank you.

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