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I am in full support of the JEDI resolution on taking action to measure our progress toward a community of Justice, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion.
We moved to Missoula from Washington DC twenty-five years ago to raise our daughter here, because Missoula represents the values we wanted to teach her. This resolution asks that we be willing to measure our progress in accomplishing the JEDI goals. My work in the community with refugee families has shown me the benefit of diversity, my work with Partners for Reintegration has shown me the need for justice for those in the criminal justice system, my work with Family Promise and Missoula Interfaith Collaborative has made clear the need for equity and inclusion in access to housing for both low-income and increasingly for senior citizen.
I do not want to live in a community that is satisfied with a Darwinian survival of the fittest, meaning the richest, white-ist, most connected or educated get the goodies -- land, services, tree cover, housing—and everyone else should just move out. In particular, I want line cooks, teachers, nurses, artists, construction workers, single parents to have access to decent housing.
I appreciate your thoughtful support of this effort,
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