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To:	Grp. City Council and City Web Site
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Dear City Council Members:

I am very disappointed to see the budget allocations for 2020. Mayor Engen included funding for riot gear, increasing the police department budget by $633,356, while only increasing funds for housing/community development by $88,966. As a resident of Missoula, I do not support this discrepancy in funding. We should be putting resources towards *community support*, which will ultimately lessen our need for police presence in the community and better support the people Mayor Engen is supposed to represent. More funds need to be allocated to mental health services, substance use support, and affordable housing. Please reexamine the budget and ensure that it *actually* reflects the Missoula community values.

Best,
Jean Larmon