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To:	Grp. City Council and City Web Site
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Good afternoon,

My name is Sarah Capdeville, and I'm a resident of Missoula. I'm writing to express concern for the city's proposed 2020 budget, which increases spending on law enforcement, with substantially less allocated to housing and community development. Mayor Engen is quoted as saying he wants "to steer resources to appropriate responses to folks struggling with mental illness, homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction" and others, but I struggle to see how this proposed budget moves progressively towards those goals. I believe that Missoula should invest in promoting racial equity in our public schools, providing mental health services as well as additional and permanent funding for the Mobile Crisis Response Team, additional funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, emergency and transitional housing, and community-based substance use support.

I do not believe that this proposed budget, with its increase in funding for law enforcement, reflects our community values. I support investing in community health and wellbeing, which includes that of myself and my neighbors, especially those who have been marginalized by the same systems seeing an increase in funding.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sarah Capdeville