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To:	Heather Harp; Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Gwen Jones
Subject:	Re 125 foot building going up where Missoulian is
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Hello dear council.
Although your job is to represent your constituents I know from previous experience that is not what you do . In any case I am offering my opinion of what I consider would be best for the fate of Missoula aesthetically.
You have an important job regarding the future look and livability of Missoula. It's fate is in your hands.
A towering building of 124 feet right by the river will create a monstrous cement corridor near the river that will always be there and be precedent setting for zoning on the south side. At the moment the higher development has been limited to the north side of the river with the exception of the sawmill district which is set back from the river and quite tastefully designed as to not impact on the river corridor. More living space was accomplished without creating the lasting impact of destroying the view that all Missoulians have enjoyed for years of the Mt sentinel and the hills behind.
Have you done impact studies for the increased traffic? Have you considered the continued high rises that will occur on the south side as precedent is set for this height? I am not against development and increased places for living however I think it is a mistake to do it along the river corridor as that is a feature which makes Missoula uniquely beautiful. It is well used by walkers and bikers and is a very unique and pleasant feature of this town.
We live in the neighborhood and have done so for 2o years. This summer the traffic was unbearably loud for the first time. . Unfortunately our livelihood is tied to Missoula and leaving is difficult but due to the increasing traffic and density it may become necessary, to move further out and rent this location. We have enjoyed a good life here for many years but sadly I see the lifestyle is being eroded by a Missoula's new desire for high rises on the south side of the river. More density equals more noise ,more traffic and less views.
The iconic pleasant neighborhoods are being sacrificed for increased tax base. That can be accomplished anyway, but why not consider a overall plan for Missoula that maintains the beauty of Missoula? Is our fate to be ugly like most places? Building well back from the river corridor will maintain what is unique about this town. I urge you not to pass a building of this height right by the river.
It's in your hands.
Sincerely,
Patricia Macmillan