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To Whom It May Concern:

I became aware of the City of Missoula's intention to research racism in Missoula. I applaud the City's idea and dedication to learning about and formulating strategies to combat systemic racism in our community. It is important for all peoples to feel safe, welcome, and supported in their communities. However, I have issues with how the City is choosing to research the experience of racism in Missoula.

I have been aware of Six Pony Hitch for several years and I have no known issues with the firm. However, I encourage the City to look to it's own BIPOC community to verify the experience of systemic racism in the City of Missoula. White people cannot experience racism and I do not feel that the City needs additional, paid, white voices in the space of how BIPOC experience systemic racism in Missoula.

I hope this issue is considered and I hope that cost and contract transparency in retaining Six Pony Hitch is at the forefront of today's meeting. Again, I appreciate the City of Missoula's commitment to unlearning systemic racism. But, I encourage the City to include the appropriate voices in this journey.

Sincerely,

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