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To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
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City Council members,

My name is Allison McKinney, a resident of Missoula, MT and city council ward four.

I am writing to say that, while I am aware you are engaging in conversations surrounding anti-racism and police reform. I want to say that while that is well and good it has been done and it is not enough. The BIPOC members of Missoula community need to be actively protected and supported and we all need to be a part of that, especially the government. We need the local government to take accountability for the attack on the young black man at the courthouse by a self appointed militia person. This cities leadership needs to ban weapons at such events and then enforce that by not allowing people with guns to be present. I don't think anyone felt safe with them there. The local government needs to focus attention away from listening committees and police trainings and instead focus your energy and community resources on creating better social services, affordable housing for all, and more programs committed to help and serve members of the community who are in need and/or struggling with various needs. We need a stronger stance against racism and violence within the community and more time and resources spent on creating opportunities for the needs of the community to be met.

Thank you,

Allison McKinney