From:	Kameron Hartfield
To:	Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject:	In regards to the city budget
Date:	Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:27:21 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of Helena (1528 Cannon St, Apt E) and not Missoula. However, if accepted, I wanted to reach out to give public comment in regards to the stifling budget gap between the police department and housing and community development. I learned today that the Missoula Police Department is allocated a $19 million budget, while the housing and community department is allocated a mere $2.2 million. This is unacceptable, especially when the rapid gentrification Missoula is experiencing that contributes to the displacement of poor people is occurring.

I urge you to reconsider this budget so that the city of Missoula can be better funded with social services that will prevent "crime" (I write crime in parentheses because it is a socially construct) better than policing would.

Respectfully,
Kathryn Hartfield