From:	Sara Ibis
To:	Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject:	Forced removal of homeless encampments
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Dear Sirs and Madams,
On May 11 and 12, 20201, Missoula Police Department and other unmarked city officials forcefully removed people experiencing homelessness from the islands along Broadway Avenue in central Missoula. Police officers were witnessed firing rubber rounds at citizens who did not comply, and numerous people reported that their personal belongings were thrown away by police officers. This is an extremely disgusting, hateful act committed against people who have little to no legal recourse. It is also an egregious misuse of our police department. I demand answers: Who authorized this action? For what reason was this done? What legal standing does our city have to forcefully remove people from any public area? How much public funding is tied to the police budget for forced removals of homeless encampments? What real, tangible solutions are you prepared to offer our city in terms of addressing our housing and rental shortage, as well as the ever increasing cost Missoulians are expected to pay to live this in this city? Because, let's be clear, removing people experiencing homelessness from public sight is not a solution.

I will plan to attend the May 17 public hearing and I expect answers. You are failing our city.

Sincerely,
Sara Ibis