From: Heather Garramon
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Public Comment Re: New Requests FY21
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Dear City Council,

Upon reviewing the New Requests FY21 proposed budget, I ask you to consider funding that reflects our community's peaceful values. I encourage you to consider moving the funding designated in the POLICE category, Line 6: PPE helmets with face shields, to either line 7 or to the Housing and Community Development category. The Police category, Line 7 would increase funding for police accountability by providing more cameras on officers in the field and in interrogation procedures. Increasing support in the Housing department could increase stability in our community. Housing security is a known factor in reducing criminal activity. Shifting some of your proposed budget to support affordable housing in Missoula might counter balance the current line item spending designed to counter violent criminal activity.

Thank you for considering these remarks,

Heather Bomb
(Please do not disclose my email address unless mandatory.)