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To:	Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject:	Common Good Missoula Housing Trust Fund
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Dear City Council,

I am a citizen who has been actively involved in learning about housing in Missoula and in solidarity with Common Good Missoula I am writing to ask you to incorporate our consensus requests into the Housing Trust Fund resolution:

1. Establish Housing Trust Fund to be included in 2021 budget

2. Recognize Housing as a human right

3. Establish an oversight committee with decision making power including good citizen representation: representation of black, indigenous people of color and 50% representation by cost burdened renters including people with disabilities, history of incarceration, vouchers, labor representation and eventually renters living in HTF housing.

4. Commit to an anti-racism frame for HTF, committee, and funding

5. Ensure broad parameters that don't exclude any funding mechanisms.

6. Commitment to move toward more funding from City in the future

This is important to me because I bought a house in Missoula in 2018. I am a white woman from a middle class family with good credit, who has a good job with a good wage working at the University of Montana and I still needed help from my family making the down payment. Nearly all of my friends who own homes in Missoula were only able to afford these homes because they had assistance from their family. This is not a privilege everyone has and should NOT be a prerequisite for homeownership. This perpetuates inequality and is the outcome of a long history racist housing policies. However, those in power in Missoula (the mayor, those on city council) have the opportunity to change course. Establishing the housing trust fund and including the requests above is a step down this path, toward ensuring that everyone who lives in Missoula has a safe, affordable, accessible place to call home.

Sincerely,

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