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

My name is Leif Fredrickson. I am a resident of Missoula and was born and raised here. As a long-time resident, I've struggled to find affordable housing in the past. Many other Missoulians face even greater struggles, and the way things are headed, the housing affordability issue does not seem to be going away, despite some very important initiatives already taken by the city council.

In addition to my personal experience, I am an academic historian who specializes in the history of housing. I study how unaffordable housing, housing discrimination, and lack of tenants' rights have driven inequality and public health issues in American history.

My engagement with that history has pushed me to work for better policies to address housing, which is so fundamental to human health, dignity, and myriad social issues. I have been actively involved in learning about housing in Missoula and in solidarity with Common Good Missoula.

Through that work, I am writing to ask you to incorporate our consensus requests into the Housing Trust Fund resolution and ordinance:

- Establish Housing Trust Fund to be included in 2021 budget
- Establish oversight committee with decision making power including good citizen representation: BIPOC representation and 50% representation by cost burdened renters including people with disabilities, history of incarceration, vouchers, labor representation and eventually renters living in HTF housing.
- Housing as a human right
- Commit to an anti-racism frame for HTF, committee, and funding
- Ensure broad parameters that don’t exclude any funding mechanisms.
- Commitment to move toward more funding from City in the future

Again, thank you for moving forward on the HTF and please consider these vital changes to the resolution and ordinance.

Best,
Leif Fredrickson