From: Linda Gillison
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:

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

This is important to me because I know of cities where only the wealthy can live in town, and because, when I talk to people as I canvass neighborhoods, I find that housing is one of the important issues they want to talk about. I am most concerned that housing policy and market in Missoula NOT CLOSE OUT PEOPLE OF LOWER INCOME OR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. My own neighborhood--where I am a renter--is currently inhabited by many folks who will not be able to afford it ONCE THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS PLANNED FOR IT begins to take place.

I want an equitable, inclusive, diverse Missoula.

Sincerely,
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