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Council,

My name is Joshua Taylor. I am a constituent currently living on the Northside. I am emailing you today to express my extreme disagreement with the proposed 2021 budget for the city.

It is unethical to spend $19 million on police when the Missoula police department has a history of assaulting Black citizens, not investigating hate crimes (including the one perpetrated by a group of armed vigilantes in June 5th,) and of constant incompetence.

Defund the police. Entirely.

$19 million is A LOT of money. It could be used to provide better education for our children. It could be used to provide affordable housing for our populace. It could be used to provide mental health services, food banks, and substance abuse support. All of these are much more worthy of my tax dollars than riot gear for the already militarized police force.

It is obvious that the Council and Mayor do not have their constituents' best interests in mind. Listen to your constituents; defund the police. Or in November, we will vote you all out of a job.

Best wishes.