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To:	Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Mayor Staff
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Mayor Engen & Missoula City Council Members,

I urge you to shift the funding increase for MPD in 2021 budget towards housing and mental health services for our community.

The Missoula Police Department will never be the correct avenue for ensuring Missoulians who want to be housed, Missoulians who want treatment for a addiction receive it, or Missoulians who are living with mental illness find some level of safety or solace. The police are not a warm bed or meal. They are not social workers. Our jail is not a treatment facility.

Invest in everyone in our community, by funding affordable housing and mental heath services.

Thank you for you consideration.

Best,
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"If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together." - Lila Watson