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Hello city council members -

I am writing to urge you to amend the proposed 2021 budget to not increase the police budget (or approve funding for riot gear and armored vehicles) and to direct more funds and resources to the mobile crisis response team, to the affordable housing trust, and to other social services that address mental health, addiction, homelessness, domestic abuse, and racial equality.

With the current housing crisis that Missoula is facing, we need plans and money directed to solving this problem & fast.

It is imperative that our local government's words about working towards racial justice match their actions. With the proposed budget as is, that is not happening.

Thank you.

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