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Hi there, I'm a Missoula resident and I'm interested in updates on how our City Council is working to be actively anti-racist and promote anti racism in our local government. In what ways are you working to protect our Black, Indigenous, and other POC community members? We know this is still relevant in light of recent acts of racial violence in our community, as well as statistics of racial disparities in our prison system. 3.5% of the Black population of Montana was incarcerated as of 2010, with only .4% of the white population. We see racism and white supremacy are alive and well within our local community and our justice system. So I am asking, what are you doing to make our community safer for BIPOC residents? Are you able to advocate for and host antiracism trainings within the council, for the community, and for other local government groups? Are you listening when BIPOC speak up about their experiences to you and when they need support? Are you financially and publicly supporting local mutual aid and antiracist organizations and their events? Are we paying reparations to the indigenous tribes whose land we're occupying?
I realize the scope of your control may be limited, but I think it's important that everyone works together wherever they are to protect and uplift minorities. I am not safe until everyone is safe.

Thank you for your reply,

Grace