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City Council Members,

Thank you for your dedication to serving the needs of the Missoula community in your positions as democratically elected public servants. I am reaching out on behalf of Missoula's Count Every Vote movement to call for speakers at a rally to affirm the necessity of the democratic process.

In 2016, President Trump repeatedly threatened not to accept the election results, and Trump's personal lawyer Michael Cohen has warned Congress that "given my experience working for Mr. Trump, I fear that if he loses the election in 2020, there will never be a peaceful transition of power." Most recently, Trump even threatened to "deploy the United States military" against the American people to quash peaceful protests.

In the event of a contested election, in which a winner is declared without counting all votes or where the results of the vote are disregarded, the American people must voice their opposition and commit to America's democratic constitution. We are organizing with the aid of Protect the Results, a national project with hundreds of partner organizations from the Sierra Club to Republicans for the Rule of Law. Our efforts will be peaceful and nonpartisan. Besides avoiding messages that fall along party lines, we have also reached out to groups affiliated with policies on both sides of the aisle.

We are ready to come together to protest as soon as Nov. 4th at 5 pm. If we do not mobilize then, we may mobilize at a later date.

A message from member(s) of the city council regarding the importance of the democratic process would be a welcome addition to this event and lend legitimacy to a peaceful, nonpartisan effort to protect America's democracy.

Hopefully, we will not have to mobilize to protect democracy at all. But, if we must, we would love to have your help.

Best,
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