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Dear Council Members,

My name is Cassandra and I live in Ward 1. I wanted to express how urgent it feels, especially in the wake of a social justice uprising around police violence toward people of color, that we redirect funds out of policing and into social and public services that support and help people. For example, in the tragic case of Jesse James Kale Brown this past weekend. I ask for transparency around the exact circumstances of his murder. If people aren't doing anything wrong, there is nothing to hide. And, I ask for accountability for each of the officers involved, especially his murderer. At the very least, our police force should be trained to de-escalate tricky situations without immediately killing people. Investing in a police budget for a new locker and riot gear is the opposite of that.

As many people mentioned during tonight's city council meeting, a mobile crisis response team for people in mental health crises would be helpful. I have heard rumors of something like that being underway. We know the names of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd and the many others wrongfully killed by police in recent memory. We know the name of Cole Stump, murdered by police in Billings last month. We cannot fail to honor them by allowing needless police violence to continue.

Also wanted to voice my support for the motion passed tonight around working with Partnership Health Center providing housing for those unhoused. Thank you for passing that. And thank you for your service and your time.

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