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To: "bcc"; Grp. City Council and City Web Site; John Engen
Subject: Comments on JEDI Resolution for Missoula City and County
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Dear Missoula City Council, Missoula County Commissioners, and Mayor John Engen:

The first "whereas" statement in the four-page Resolution 2021-087 (see attached) begins with the assumption that white settlers forced tribal nations to do something against their will and the entire document assumes that white residents of Missoula City and County are the cause of ills of our community that simply do not exist. I want my comments registered before August 5 that is the deadline to submit written comments to you about this resolution but that you decided not to publish in the Missoulian or publicize it widely.

We live in the most liberal, socialistic community in Montana and, as reflected in our property tax bills, we as taxpayers pay for a variety of programs that help a variety of people without regard to their background, race, or economic status. To make the sweeping statement at the start of this resolution that our Missoula City and County residents are sinners simply for being predominantly white and self-sufficient, law-abiding citizens that volunteer and work in our community is also to assume that we live in a very bad community not worth saving.

With this four-page resolution, you side with the United Nations in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights without regard to those of us that have the nerve to have financially and emotionally supported our families and friends, loved our community, helped our neighbors regardless of anyone's color, earned a living, paid our taxes, and followed the laws established by the local, state and national governments.

Resolution 2021-087 is an insult to the hard-working men and women in the Missoula City and Missoula County government, health department and elsewhere throughout the Missoula area, and throughout Montana, for that matter, that has the sad fate of being born white and not "of color" or of a certain sexual or political persuasion to your liking when all of the political leaders in Missoula are white.

Voters elected politicians, which means they elected YOU. Property owners pay for your salaries and the cost of paying for all your ideas of government that are funded. And, yes, most of us are white, but so what?? Color of someone means nothing, but you seem to think that's all that matters. Unlike you who are focused on someone's color or sexual preference and not their value as a human for what they contribute to our community as a whole, I joyfully have friends of all colors and backgrounds.

I personally donate to worthwhile causes in time and money. Do you? How much money and time do you personally donate to help people and animals rather than "volunteer" the taxpayers to cough up the money to fund all your expansive social engineering projects like this resolution outlines?

All that Resolution 2021-087 is a blueprint to further insult the residents who are the workers of Missoula, both those that work for Missoula City and County but those that own and operate businesses in Missoula. I see people being discriminated against for having the education and experience and not being given jobs or opportunities of all kinds simply because they are white. No longer will people in Missoula be selected for their qualifications as Martin Luther King wanted. This resolution will force the City and County of Missoula to select services and jobs for a person's race or sexual preference, and only if it doesn't fall within the range this resolution determines is "appropriate" to be just, equitable, diverse and inclusive. <u>That violates federal law but in reverse. That violates what Martin Luther King stood for, but I know you don't care to hear that.</u>

This resolution will not only harass hard-working Missoulians but will cost hard-working Missoulians more money as you enact policies that will limit commerce and joyful activity throughout our community. To add insult to injury, you want the taxpayers to pay for all of this in ways I don't even know, and nor do you but you don't care.

If you think Missoula is so awful and white people are so awful, why do you represent us? Why on earth do you live here? Why not move to Portland where the vagrants have taken over parts of the city and continue to burn it down, costing the hard-working property owners of Portland to foot the bill? Is that what you want for our community? Police are now finally being asked by Portland's liberal mayor to return but not after billions of dollars-worth of damage and murder to people there.

Do you think the hundreds of shootings in Chicago where blacks are shooting blacks and gang members are shooting other gang members but also innocent people, including children, happens nightly thanks to underfunding of police and a liberal mayor that doesn't have her head on straight? Where is Black Lives Matters to sympathize with all the innocent blacks that have died at the hands of gang members that illegally shot them and their family members??? Where is the outcry for those innocent, law-abiding people?? Silence.

Where is your "concern" for the billions of dollars that has been lost from a few violent people across our nation that have been allowed to burn down police stations, private homes and businesses, and public buildings? Where is your "concern" for minorities that owned businesses that were destroyed by Black Lives Matters rioters for the past 18 months??

Yet, you want to harass law-abiding people in Missoula with Resolution 2021-087.

Whether employees of Missoula City and County know it right now or not, their employment is on the line because of Resolution 2021-087. Knowing how quiet you all have been in telling taxpayers, business owners, workers, the media, and the general public about this resolution, not many people are even aware of it, and I know you are happy about that. Don't tell the media anything and maybe they won't ask questions that are hard to answer.

Stick to caring for good roads, good-tasting water, collecting taxes and leave the hard-working citizens of all colors alone. And, tell us how much the Equity Coordinator makes as well as the two other people hired in the City of Missoula who are also "monitoring justice, equity, diversity and inclusivity" and what these three people will force the rest of us to do who are already over-taxed.

I live by the U.S. Constitution and the Montana Constitution, not world order and the United Nations, but you sure do.

Sincerely,

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