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Hello!

My name is Karly Hartzman I am a UNCA graduate and I live in the Haw Creek area of Asheville.

I am writing you to so these demands will be considered at your next meeting:

First, please stop the reopening of Asheville. Only essential businesses that supply their employees with proper protective measures for the virus and mask policies should remain open.

All city and county schools must choose plan C. Refuse to send our students back to school for in person learning. Having students attend school physically risks subjecting them to this deadly virus.

Shut down all leisure travel and abolish the Tourism Development Authority.

Open hotels instead to the unhoused community to prioritize their health and wellbeing.

The Buncombe County Sheriff MUST halt enforcing evictions during the COVID pandemic. Durham county's sheriff has made this commitment. Buncombe's must too.

The pandemic response MUST direct funds to our hardest hit and at most risk communities, especially immigrant communities.

Also, the county MUST invest in the economic wellbeing of our Black and Brown residents by providing deeply affordable housing, land provisions, equitable education outcomes, mental health services, rent subsidies and eviction diversion, free public transportation, and restorative justice services.

Where the money would come from to support these demands?
Cut the sheriff and jail budgets by 50% and reinvest that money in the efforts described above.

Thank you,
Karly Hartzman