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Honorable Mayor Webber, Councilor Singe Lindell, Councilor Alma Castro, Councilor Michael Garcia, Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth, Councilor Pilar Faulkner, Councilor Lee Garcia, Councilor Jamie Cassutt, and Councilor Amanda Chavez,

I am a resident of Eldorado at Santa Fe and am writing to urge you approve the request for approval of a BAR in total of \$2,000,000 from the general balance to support non-congregate sheltering solutions, specifically to expand the use of pallet (or micro) communities and transitional housing throughout Santa Fe. These temporary individual shelters have been proven in Santa Fe (at Christ Lutheran Church) to provide stability, dignity, and support to help people experiencing homelessness transition to permanent housing and contributing citizens.

The temporary pallet shelter concept is a perfect option for Santa Fe to employ now while it works to develop a broader long-term shelter and services plan for my unhoused neighbors. A pallet community is designed to be movable, to adjust to the changing needs of a community, while always providing safe, secure, stable, and supportive housing to the residents. As the city further develops its plan and identifies additional sites for permanent shelters and services, the pallet communities can relocate if that better serves the larger community.

As a volunteer at Santa Fe Suites, I witness firsthand the difference that safe, stable, and secure housing coupled with wrap-around supportive services makes in the lives of our vulnerable neighbors. Yes, we ultimately need many more permanent shelters and supportive housing facilities, such as Santa Fe Suites, however, until we have them, we MUST provide that same safe, stable, and secure housing coupled with supportive services. It gives our neighbors the opportunity to stabilize their lives and return to our community in a productive way, and it addresses public health and safety concerns.

I urge you to vote in support this critical initiative.

Thank you,

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