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From: SALAZAR, ANDREA X.
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 12:57 PM
To: CARDENAS, GERALYN F.; VIGIL, XAVIER I.
Subject: FW: POD homes in Santa Fe

Please include in the packet. Thank you.

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Subject: Re: POD homes in Santa Fe

Dear Eric,

Thanks for reaching out to support the important vote tonight regarding pallet communities.

As you note in your email, pallet communities work—and work well.

Your support is vitally important. Please continue to speak up and stand up on this issue.

I'm very grateful to you.

Alan

On Jan 29, 2025, at 9:14 AM, eric smith <eric@antelman.com> wrote:

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Dear Mayor Webber,

The current situation surrounding Pete's Place demonstrates why Santa Fe urgently needs to implement Micro Communities and Safe Outdoor Spaces. These structured environments would provide a crucial middle ground between unsheltered homelessness and traditional shelters, addressing the immediate safety concerns that affect both housed and unhoused residents. The violent incidents in our neighborhood, such as a citizen being threatened with a firearm simply for asking someone to leave private property, illustrate how the current system endangers everyone by creating concentrated areas where predators can easily target vulnerable individuals.

Safe Outdoor Spaces offer a practical, evidence-based solution that addresses multiple challenges simultaneously. By providing managed, secure locations with basic amenities and on-site support services, these spaces can accommodate individuals who may not qualify for or feel comfortable in traditional shelter environments due to substance use or other barriers. This approach would disperse the current concentration of vulnerable individuals outside Pete's Place, reducing opportunities for predatory behavior while providing safer alternatives for those currently sleeping on our streets. The controlled environment of POD communities would make it significantly more difficult for drug dealers and other exploitative individuals to access and victimize residents.

The implementation of Micro Communities would create a more effective pathway to permanent supportive housing. These spaces can serve as stabilization points where individuals receive consistent access to services while maintaining their autonomy and dignity. Unlike the current situation, where those unable to enter Pete's Place are left completely vulnerable on the streets, POD communities would provide basic security and support regardless of sobriety status. This harm reduction approach has proven successful in other cities, reducing both the visibility of unsheltered homelessness and, more importantly, the opportunities for predatory behavior that currently plagues our neighborhoods.

I urge the City Council to approve the \$2 million allocation for establishing Safe Outdoor Spaces on city-owned land throughout Santa Fe. This investment would enable the creation of multiple managed sites strategically located to serve different areas of our city while preventing the concentration of vulnerable populations in any single neighborhood. The distributed nature of these sites, combined with proper security and support services, would significantly reduce the predatory behavior we currently witness while providing dignified temporary housing solutions for our unhoused neighbors. This funding represents a concrete step toward addressing our neighborhood's immediate safety concerns and the longer-term goal of transitioning individuals into permanent housing.

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