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- First Name: Matthew
- Last Name: Downing
- Your District: District 4
- Meeting Date: 01/29/2025
- Section of Agenda you would like to comment on: Public Comment
- Your Comment: I live steps away from Site 6.

Bottom line: You're inviting more crime, more addiction, and more mental illness into the community without addressing or treating any of it.

We all know Pete's Place is an unmanageable blight on the community and yet you want to introduce an even larger blight directly next to a neighborhood that is largely comprised of retired senior citizens—it makes zero sense and poses an obvious threat to public safety. There's already a steady flow of homeless through our neighborhood, leaving behind carts, syringes, and piles of garbage. In the last three months, I've had a 90-day supply of insulin stolen from my doorway by a homeless couple and had a homeless man viciously assault a homeless woman directly in front of my home. I know exactly who the perpetrators are because I have video of it. Councilor Cassutt is well aware of this because I've documented the activity and shared my concerns with her for the last two years. What you're proposing would only serve to exacerbate the issue.

My neighbors are a retired anthropology professor, a veteran who works at the lab, another veteran who owns a small business, a retired civil rights attorney, a department of education worker. My wife is a caregiver for seniors, especially those in memory care and hospice. These are the people you should want in your community, the people you should support, and instead you're turning your back on them and quite literally putting them in harm's way. You're also immediately decreasing the value of what is for some of us the single most significant purchase we've ever made. We just want a peaceful place to live and call home. We will sell our house and leave Santa Fe as soon as possible if this is approved.

The city of Santa Fe needs to stop enabling and encouraging drug abuse, crime, and violence.