

VIGIL, XAVIER I.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 12:45 PM
To: CARDENAS, GERALYN F.; VIGIL, XAVIER I.
Subject: FW: Approve the BAR for \$2 Million to Expand Pallet Communities

For the packet.

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Subject: Re: Approve the BAR for \$2 Million to Expand Pallet Communities

Dear Bailey,
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 11:26 AM, Bailey Steele <baileysteele@riseup.net> wrote:

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Dear Councilor Romero-Wirth,

I am writing to express my support for expanding Pallet Communities and transitional housing throughout Santa Fe. This innovative and compassionate model provides immediate shelter, stability, and dignity to those experiencing homelessness, and is a good beginning step towards addressing our community's larger housing challenges.

The Pallet Community model is not just a temporary solution--it is an integral part of a broader strategy to create a healthier, safer, and more inclusive Santa Fe. By supporting this model, you are giving individuals the opportunity to stabilize their lives, access essential services, and transition to permanent housing. At the same time, you are addressing public health and safety concerns for our entire community.

As a social worker who has worked with the houseless population of Santa Fe for the past four years, it is also evident that we require a multipronged approach to ending homelessness, with a variety of transitional housing options to fit different people's needs. I believe the pallet shelters would help ease the load placed on other social service providers, such as Pete's Place, and provide a much needed option for people who require a more independent living space while they work towards securing long term, stable housing.

I urge you to:

1. Vote in favor of the BAR for \$2 million to expand Pallet Communities and invest in transitional housing.
2. Show leadership by championing effective, compassionate solutions to homelessness.
3. Partner with the community to ensure we are all part of the solution to this complex issue.

Santa Fe has the opportunity to be a leader in addressing homelessness with innovative approaches that make a real difference for our residents. Please vote in support of this critical initiative.

Thank you for your leadership and for working toward solutions that benefit all members of our community.

Sincerely,

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