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- Your District: Outside of a Council District
- Meeting Date: 05/28/2025
- Section of Agenda you would like to comment on: Public Comment
- Your Comment: My name is Madi and, though I moved to Abq a couple of years ago, I spent eight years volunteering and working at the Interfaith Community Shelter, colloquially known as Pete's. I have volunteered and worked at various shelters in both Santa Fe and Abq over the past twelve years and absolutely nothing compares to the model of Pete's nor the work being done there. It's not perfect, of course, but it's the best thing being done in this city for this population. My understanding is that the plan is to take responsibility of the shelter away from it's current operators and give it to a different company. Not only would this completely gut ICS' ambitions for the organization's long-term goals, including moving away from 2801 Cerrillos, but giving control to an outside company would destabilize the strong community that Pete's has created. You can't just swap one org for another, especially when working with such a critically vulnerable population. Instead of penalizing the few who are doing the work, help support them to create solutions that will benefit everyone. They already have the plans, connections, resources, history, and, most importantly, the heart to do what needs to be done. Now they just need your patience.