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- Meeting Date: 03/26/2025
- Section of Agenda you would like to comment on: Public Comment
- Your Comment: Resolution No. 2025___. Putting up to 50 homeless shelters behind the Chavez Center is a bad idea. Reporting on the shelters at the Church indicate that only 17% (34% at most) of the occupants will ever be able to move on; therefore it amounts to building a permanent and unsightly shantytown. Furthermore, the number of shelters contemplated does not begin to accommodate the number of homeless needing help. Second, building the homeless shantytown signals to the unhoused that the arroyo is their safe spot, resulting in waste and garbage being deposited all along the arroyo. Third, that area is a throw golf course ending at a city park, one of the few large enough for kids to practice team sports. Do you really want to surround kids with homeless shelters. Fourth, a paved and popular walking trail follows the arroyo through that area, and covering the area over with a shantytown makes general recreational opportunities unpleasant and perhaps dangerous. I believe a group location would provide a more helpful situation for the homeless in need of various types of assistance, without distressing local residents and degrading their recreational opportunities.