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- Your District: District 1
- Meeting Date: 05/28/2025
- Section of Agenda you would like to comment on: Public Comment
- Your Comment: I am writing to the Santa Fe City Council to express my support for the City to continue the lease at 2801 Cerrillos Road, currently leased

to Interfaith Community Shelter Group. The Interfaith Community Shelter (ICS) provides an invaluable service to the community and is a resource without which many of our most vulnerable residents would be unable to survive. The ICS serves hot meals daily to a large number of unhoused folks in Santa Fe, many of whom are seniors. Further it provides some of the ONLY overnight beds for unhoused people in Santa Fe. While there are complaints from other residents regarding the crime around the area, first, it is not the job of the ICS to patrol the streets, nor do they have authority to enforce criminal laws--that is the job of the police department. Second, it is my understanding that the ICS has paid for--out of its own funds--a security guard for the area to help keep everyone safe and is doing everything in its power to keep the area secure. Third, the ICS is already in the process of looking for a new building, and they should be allowed to continue their current lease until they are able to relocate. Finally, and most importantly, the actions of a few bad actors in the areas around the shelter should not cause the City to terminate the lease and thereby cease all services for a huge number of people who are just down on their luck and experiencing homeless, not committing any crimes or causing any issues. I urge the City Council to continue the lease for ICS until it is able to locate. Losing ICS will mean that the most vulnerable and already neglected residents of Santa Fe lose the only support they have.