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Submitted on: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 2:35pm

- First Name: Charles
- Last Name: Burkhardt
- Your Email Address: [REDACTED]
- Your District: District 1
- Meeting Date: 06/25/2025
- Section of Agenda you would like to comment on: Petitions from the floor
- Your Comment: Dear Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff,

I regret that I am unable to attend in person today. I am submitting this comment as a follow-up to multiple communications I've sent since January regarding the micro community initiatives the City of Santa Fe is working on.

My goal throughout has been simple: to offer a local, cost-effective solution that could serve more Santa Fe families in need—while keeping public dollars in our community.

I was able to briefly speak with Councilor Lee Garcia on June 11, as he was returning from the restroom during the Council meeting. He expressed surprise that the opportunity I spoke of had been disregarded and/or missed. I want to thank Councilor Michael Garcia for taking the time to call me this morning. I appreciate his willingness to engage and his commitment to confirm whether the City has finalized the full purchase of all 50 living units and associated support buildings from Pallet Shelter.

However, to date, the majority of my emails—including those sent to all Council Members and the Mayor outlining potential savings of over \$500,000—have gone unanswered. I've also spoken during previous public comment periods, again with no follow-up.

To reiterate, if given the opportunity, BuildSwift Modular could have—or still can—provide:

Seventy 152 sq ft units, plus support buildings, for the same \$2 million budget allocated in January,

Permanent, code-compliant housing with kitchens and bathrooms, or

The original number of 50 family-sized living units, plus sanitation and community space, at over half a million dollars in savings.

Santa Fe has the innovation and capacity to solve its housing challenges locally. But that only works if local businesses and community members are included in the process.

I respectfully urge the Council and staff to:

Confirm the full scope and status of the Pallet Shelter order. If it has not been fully finalized, issue an updated RFP to consider additional options.

Commit to issuing updated RFPs for all future micro community projects.

Ensure that local vendors are given a fair opportunity to participate in projects serving our residents.

I remain committed to being part of the solution and sincerely hope this Council will adopt a more transparent and locally inclusive process going forward.

Sincerely,

Charles Burkhardt