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Dear City of Santa Fe Planning Commission,

I am writing to urge your support for Case#2024-8901 Agua Fria Rezoning and Case#2024-8902 Agua Fria Master Plan. GENM is a coalition of young leaders committed to positively shaping the future of New Mexico by voicing our support for smart, sustainable, and resilient development projects and governmental policies. We champion projects that promise to enhance the quality of life, bring a diversified job base, and create more opportunities for New Mexicans.

The Santa Fe rental market has become increasingly unaffordable for the average New Mexican. Per the Santa Fe Reporter, there's an estimated shortage of about 7,343 rental units in the Santa Fe Metropolitan Statistical Area, according to SFAR's 2021 State of Housing Report. Over the past four years, the average monthly rent for one-bedroom apartments has increased by 40%, up to \$1,358, reports CBRE. Preventing any number of new rental units, affordable or otherwise, will only increase rental housing scarcity and further drive up rent prices. GENM supports this project for the following reasons:

- (1) promotes infill development on a currently underutilized property,
- (2) promotes housing growth,
- (3) the project has the potential to improve the local infrastructure in the neighborhood.

This project also helps develop an area in much need of growth and improvement, potentially incentivizing future development in the surrounding area.

I ask that you recommend approval of this critical project for Santa Fe during this state's housing crisis! I respectfully request that you recommend approval of these requests.

Thank you!

Sean Abeyta  
GENM Member