



Wednesday October 29, 2025

Dear Mayor Webber:

AIA Santa Fe supports the preservation and adaptive reuse of architecturally significant structures at the former Santa Fe University of Art and Design campus, including the Visual Arts Center and WWII-era barracks. These buildings represent an important chapter in Santa Fe's design and cultural history, and their restoration aligns with our mission to promote excellence in the built environment.

We recognize the Midtown Arts and Design Alliance (MADA) as the nonprofit organization currently under contract with the City to redevelop these structures as part of a broader civic revitalization effort. Their proposal to create an arts and culture center reflects a commitment to community access, architectural stewardship, and inclusive programming.

Our support is grounded in the public benefit of this project and the opportunity to ensure that design and cultural engagement remain central to the future of Midtown. We encourage the Governing Body to consider the long-term value of this initiative and the role it can play in shaping a vibrant, equitable, and resilient urban district.

Respectfully,  
2025 Executive Committee  
Santa Fe Chapter, The American Institute of Architects