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- First Name: Donna
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- Your Email Address: [REDACTED]
- Your District: District 3
- Meeting Date: Special Meeting
- Section of Agenda you would like to comment on: Public Comment
- Your Comment: My comment is regarding the Soldiers' Monument. I support a solution that respects our entire community and recognizes the complexity of the issue. I believe the debate about this obelisk has been so passionate because people care very much about our community, and I would like a solution that honors that care without causing further harm. When a public monument is associated with genocide and violent domination by any group in a community, it isn't appropriate to restore it as it was, even though other groups in the community have valid arguments about preserving history and a sense of pride. I also wouldn't want the obelisk to disappear and be forgotten. Ideally, I'd like to see the monument on permanent exhibit in the history museum, with photos of it as it was and thorough scholarly interpretation of what it meant when it was built, the history of resistance against it, why many people in Santa Fe value the monument, and the events surrounding its destruction. I would rather have a slow conversation that allows more voices to be heard than a quick solution that privileges one group's perspective over another. Thank you for considering my comment.