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Concerning Item #8, Presentations on the Soldiers' Monument. I am totally opposed to spending any City money to rebuild the Soldiers' Monument and I encourage the City Council to not waste City money on this monument. The monument was "built to commemorate those who gave their lives during the Civil War and those who died in skirmishes with the Native Americans." There should never, ever, be a monument that commemorate the killing of Native Americans. The so called "skirmishes" were not little battles, but were battles by US forces that killed thousands of New Mexican Indigenous people. This monument is opposed by neighboring Pueblo people and many Santa Fe citizens and their wishes should be honored. Besides the moral issues about restoring the monument, our City should not spend from \$420,000.00 to \$880,000.00 for any of the options to keep the monument on the Plaza. The City Council should ask the architectural firm who is providing the different options and costs to provide another estimate on how much it would cost to simply remove the monument from the Plaza and take it to the City dump, where it belongs. Our City has too many other financial needs, including housing, education, health, transportation and many other needs. Let's spend our money on these issues and not waste money on the monument.