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- First Name: Lara
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- Land Use Board: Planning Commission
- Case Number: #2025-11756.1802 and #2025-11753.1802
- Your Comment: I object to action on Cases #2025-11753.1802 and #2025-11756.1802 at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for June 4, 2026, unless the full application materials and the City's evaluation are made available to the public with sufficient time for review before the hearing. At a minimum, the public should have easy\* access to the complete application materials, staff report, special use permit findings, development plan sheets, CRHC analysis, archaeological-review and clearance materials, departmental review comments, and any proposed conditions of approval. Without those materials, the public cannot meaningfully evaluate whether the applicant has met its burden for development plan and special use permit approval or provide informed public comment. I am also requesting that the City's staff evaluation specifically address the site's location within the Cerrillos Road Highway Corridor Protection District and the Suburban Archaeological Review District. The applicant's ENN narrative makes broad statements regarding compatibility, public services, traffic, fire protection, and cultural-resource impacts, but those statements should be independently evaluated by City staff and made available to the public before any Planning Commission action. In addition, the site is within close proximity to a fire station, and the existing building appears to include one of the last remaining murals associated with the former Empire Builders site. The Empire Builders mural appears to be a known cultural/art resource: a 1981 photograph identifies a mural by David Pratt and Zara Kriegstein at Empire Builders Supply on Cerrillos Road, and the Santa Fe Reporter article described a large faded Zara Kriegstein fresco at Empire Builders as one of the few of her murals still visible from Santa Fe streets. Please provide any Fire Department or Fire Marshal comments regarding fire protection, emergency access, fire flow, sprinklers, alarms, hazardous-material restrictions, and construction or demolition safety. Please also confirm whether the City's evaluation will address the existing mural as a potential cultural resource, including whether preservation, documentation, relocation, or mitigation conditions are being considered. Please confirm when and where these materials, staff evaluations, departmental comments, and proposed conditions will be made publicly available. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. \*Easy access is especially important here because related materials appear to be filed or noticed under different names, including "DXD Empire," "Amatren," and "Sommer Karnes & Associates." A member of the public should not have to know all related applicant, agent, owner, and project names in order to locate the records needed to evaluate the proposal.