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- Your District: District 1
- Meeting Date: 7/8/26
- Section of Agenda you would like to comment on: Public Comment
- Your Comment: I support the resolution to seasonally/permanently close the streets around the Santa Fe Plaza. I think it's great that there's an exception for cruise nights. I also think Canyon Road should be permanently closed to vehicular traffic, and many streets within the Paseo de Peralta ring. Downtown Santa Fe was built before cars, and it's absurd that cars now dominate the area. Streets were civic spaces prior to WW2, after which cities were aggressively redesigned to accommodate cars as the primary user of streets. Cars kill people and are agents of inequality (e.g. those who can, and cannot afford a car), and loneliness (we are now confined to our cars instead of positively engaging with people on the street). Returning streets to the people is the future. It's happening in cities globally. Many Santa Feans will complain about this proposal because people fear or cannot envision change. But once this change happens the vast majority will perceive it as normal and never look back.