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Comments: The Sandia mountains are a geographically unique ecosystem that are home to countless species of living things both breathing and growing who have lived here far longer than us but are already facing threats to their natural habitat as a result of modern construction and increased traffic. In a city where many of our human residents are struggling, unsupported by any government aide, to put food on their table or pay rent, or who may already have lost the ability to do so by no fault of their own and now live in dangerous and unstable situations, how can we POSSIBLY justify diverting tax dollars that could be used to help our endangered citizens towards destroying the ecosystem that makes our home unique and draws so many ecological enthusiasts to observe the NATURAL beauty of? Am I the only one who thinks this is a disgusting idea? I happen to know that I'm not, dear reader, and so I beg you to consider the things which make our state enchanting and beautiful and understand that if we destroy those wild, natural, divine spaces and creatures for an expansive construction project that will permanently alter the Sandias and bring countless traffic, pollution, littering, habitat destruction and morbid frivolity mere miles away from a city where people die alone from the effects of poverty every day.... that we are making a statement that you do not care about life of any kind, only money- and I'm here to tell you that if you make that decision, dear bureaucrat, then you do so unsupported by the people and you should never again claim to represent us. You cannot replace the wild places, just as you can't bring back to life all the people who have died in this city because our systems failed them.