

Growing smart

Although it was unfortunate that the Santa Fe University of Art and Design went under, it is great to hear that the city is moving forward with plans for a variety of tenants there ("Options emerge for campus," Oct. 9). If elected to City Council, I'll push for the skilled jobs, healthy food and energy independence that comes with the kind of work going on at the Santa Fe Community College — where greenhouses, solar panels and biofuels are the norm. Even though I believe in smart growth, I wonder about the proposed "shopping" that was recommended. There's already a great deal of shopping nearby as well as many empty stores. It seems we don't need shopping as much as we need shoppers. What do you think? Concerned citizens should attend the City Council's Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, Oct. 16.

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