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Hello,

My name is Monica Bobadilla and I'm the President for the Whittier Pacers. We are a FREE running club that meets 3 times per week at Palm Park. We've been meeting here for over 5 years, joined the Chamber of Commerce last year, we participated in the Whittier Christmas Parade last year, and we're open for everyone.

Our agenda is to welcome and encourage as many people as we can to be physically active and, because physical activity can have many positive benefits on the body and mind, hopefully lead a healthier life. We have a group for all levels of running, as well as a few options for walkers.

I'd like to come by tomorrow for the City Council meeting, along with a few of our members, to share a public comment of gratitude to the city, as well as to make a request. The request being, that we have more lighting at Palm Park, in the area where we meet (on the El Rancho Dr side), or that it be better lighting. We see the light posts that are there but the lights never turn on.

During our Monday and Wednesday meetups we can have about 60-80 people that go run or walk, and a good 30-40 stay a while supporting and cheering for everyone. If we can start by getting perhaps brighter lightbulbs or ensure all existing lights turn on, that would be great.

Ideally, although we know it's a much longer process and understand you're probably already working on it, we'd like to request there be lighting on the Greenway Trail from Pioneer to Palm Ave.

Lastly we'd like to invite you to join us and see what we do for each other and experience what I like to call Pacer Love.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to being present tomorrow.

Best Regards, Monica Bobadilla