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Good Evening Mayor and Council Members

My name is Monica Sena and I live on La Entrada Ave. in Whittier.

40% of global green house emission comes from buildings. We are not going to make a serious dent in the climate crisis unless we decarbonize buildings. This means replacing old heating and air conditioning systems. We

need to get rid of all incandescent lights. High efficiency windows should be installed. We can now utilize digital smarts such as sensors that adjust lights, temperature and equipment on and off depending if the room is

occupied or not. Cost should not be a big concern because such upgrades will generate savings to pay for changes and will continue to add to the city coffers long after the initial cost of such projects are paid for. Energy bills

can be reduced anywhere from 20% to 80% depending on the scope of the upgrade. Such action is not only good for the environment, but cuts costs, creates jobs and builds community. I am asking the Whittier City Council

for two things. First, upgrade all city government buildings so their utility bills plummet and they begin to generate income. Piecemeal action can catalyze whole communities by providing tangible examples. Buildings

become assets not just bricks and mortar. Second, implement high environmental regulations for any new construction project and begin to require upgrades for existing buildings.

Thank you for your consideration. Anything you do for our children and grandchildren is very much appreciated.

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