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Dear Whittier City Council,

As a Whittier voter and a member of Homes For Whittier, I urge you to select planning commissioners who understand the gravity of our housing affordability crisis and are committed to reforms that would meaningfully improve the situation.

We need to increase the supply of housing to address the shortage that is pushing up prices to harmful and unsustainable levels. This can be accomplished through policies such as upzoning single-family areas, allowing residential use in all commercial zones and stepping back from development standards and review procedures that make housing difficult and expensive to build. We need to provide stability for tenants, who are on the front lines of the crisis. Policies in this area include local rent stabilization and robust compensation for tenants evicted due to redevelopment. We need to do more to fund and facilitate affordable housing as well. Strategies here include increasing city budget allocations to affordable housing and a local density bonus program that exceeds the minimum standards in state law, particularly in high-opportunity areas, to affirmatively further fair housing.

Sincerely,  
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