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To: City of Whittier

Attention: City of Whittier City Council

From: Uptown Whittier Improvement Association

Subject: Proposed Greenleaf Closure

The **Uptown Whittier Improvement Association** (UWIA) would like to thank the City Council for their proactive efforts and support of our local businesses and the Uptown community by considering the future possibilities for Greenleaf and the Promenade.

After numerous meetings and conversations with the WUA, City personnel, and the Chamber, we the property owners of the UWIA have arrived at a decision regarding our desires for the future of Uptown District.

We will stand united with the WUA and support their request to reopen Greenleaf to vehicular traffic.

The temporary Promenade was essential in helping local businesses that suffered economic hardship because of closures and capacity limitations due to COVID-19 public safety guidelines. Now that the County has lifted restrictions, It is time to move forward with the City Council approved "Street Scape Plan" especially now that the City finally has a surplus in its budget.

Let's improve and invest in Uptown as promised. After 16 years in the making, and buy-in by all stake holders as well as the Uptown community we believe it's time to act on it.

The Street Scape Plan addressed all the needs for Uptown; wider sidewalk to safely rebuild a promenade, lighting to make Uptown safer, and trees to replace destructive Ficus species with colorful and infrastructure friendlier species. Lastly the Street Scape Plan would maintain drivability on Greenleaf, therefore providing all the business in Uptown with fair accessibility and convenience for patronage.

Respectfully

The UWIA

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