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City of Whittier,

My name is Christine and I am writing on behalf of the issue on opening the promenade in Uptown Whittier. As a resident of Whittier for over 40 years I have seen the changes that have been made in the last few decades. Due to the pandemic the city of Whittier was able to work together to provide our small businesses the opportunity to not only keep their businesses but to thrive. The slogan "we are in this together" was proven in the city of Whittier and their residents. The promenade has been a change for not only our businesses, but for the people of Whittier and those who come and visit. I have seen the positive changes that the promenade has been for our community and I hope it continues. I understand that there are those who believe that opening the promenade to traffic would be better for business and for the community. I ask that the committee take a look at the opportunities keeping the promenade closed and available to the community. As a resident, I have seen many cars blocking traffic trying to find a parking space and creating unnecessary traffic and possible pedestrian accidents. Since the construction of the parking structures, it has allowed organized and safe parking for those visiting our city. The promenade also attracts needed business for the restaurants, but also for the local vendors who benefit from those looking to eat and will take advantage of the boutiques and retail stores.

I hope that you listen to the majority of the community that embraces the promenade and the business owners that are continuing to work hard in keeping their businesses profitable and successful.

Sincerely,

Christine Avila

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."