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Hello,

My name is Fernando Lopez and I'm a resident of Whittier my whole life, through my life I've noticed this city change drastically, and when Covid hit it hasn't been the same ever since Greenleaf Ave closed down, at first I understood that it was to help the businesses so they wouldn't close down and also the the city itself stay afloat.

However, it has not only caused some businesses to close down but the street itself looks deserted now, most of the restaurants don't open until Friday and the weekend and it just makes it look like a ghost town now that cars don't drive by anymore, also a lot of people that live on a different city have difficulty finding a certain spot because they can't drive by and sometimes they don't know where to park.

Furthermore, it makes it more difficult for emergency vehicles and first responders to act quickly when they can't get their vehicles through, I myself have witnessed how a firetruck has a very hard time getting through, I've seen residents complain how the kids skating has also ruined the street as well as the homeless at night, I know it's a public space but I've seen them being rude to visitors and just people walking by, they skate on the sidewalk and sometimes they don't let them walk even on the sidewalk.

Lastly, I'm writing this as a resident that cares about this city a lot, and I've seen first hand how the closing of the street has affected many businesses and if it continues to be closed it could affect them even more, what we need right is to bring more business to the city but we can't do that if the street is closed, I believe that by opening the street it will bring more people but also help the businesses a lot.