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Dear Mayor, City Council Members,

The City of Whittier will, once again, be voting and deciding whether to keep the Greenleaf Promenade open, closed, both as a "hybrid," and/or move on with construction of a promenade and, if so, what shape and design.

If some sort of hybrid promenade is constructed it will be necessary to rebuild our patios since there is not enough room for traffic, k-rails and moving traffic. The way our patio base was constructed, it would be necessary for the City to take down everyone's patio cover and re-build our patio platforms, then re-hang our covers. Multiply that by the number of patios which will be affected.

At that point in time we could be discussing security issues, public safety & aesthetics for the Promenade in an effort to build a beautiful space for the community to be in awe of and look forward to visiting. But apparently we are still stuck here with the question of going back to the old Greenleaf Ave. instead looking forward and building a new legacy.

Don't get me wrong, I am grateful to the City of Whittier and the Council. They were great and helped us a lot during the hardest of times at the onset of this pandemic. They reached out with assistance, closed the street and made the process of building a patio easier which kept us from closing our doors permanently. What they also did was lay the groundwork for this Promenade, which as you may remember, was bustling in its beginning. Back in July 2020, people were still stuck at home, but the weather was beautiful and people had stimulus checks to burn. We are now in a different time where we are all feeling the economic crunch and strain on our families, world, and our wallets. December through February 2021-22 was financially tough with cold weather to boot, which slowed business substantially — but these last few weeks have been beautiful and we are seeing more folks out walking and visiting us on the Promenade.

Opening up Greenleaf Ave. to traffic will not result in more parking (which has been an issue for +30 years). The new parking structure on Bright Ave. provides all the parking we need. Previous to the structure, most of that parking on Greenleaf Ave. was being used by the owners and employees of Greenleaf businesses and not actually benefiting any customers coming in. If Greenleaf is opened I am afraid that we will experience the same pre-pandemic Uptown Whittier — stagnant and moving in the wrong direction.

Again, we should be focusing on security, public safety and design of a new Uptown Whittier, focusing on a Promenade that the community and beyond want to come and experience? Wouldn't we all like to see an Uptown that will put us ahead of other cities, ready to go when our economy recovers and, most of all, be relevant for the next 100 years. Let's plan for future and spend our resources on growth, while maintaining the uniqueness of Uptown Whittier.

Thank you,

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