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To Whom it may concern:

I recently learned the city is considering re-opening Greenleaf Avenue for the use of vehicular traffic. I personally have taken this time to write you and ask the decision makers for this subject matter to please re-consider this concept of closing the Promenade. I encourage those individuals who don't support it to go out and personally observe how many city of Whittier residents and non-locals come out and continuously enjoy the Promenade. I visit the Promenade with my family and friends regularly to explore the different food restaurants, retail stores as well as sweet treat options and the enjoyable music variety the city's Promenade offers to me and many many others.

Having the Promenade here locally saves us from driving out to Orange County or Santa Monica Promenades. My children, friends, family as well as myself feel safe walking without the worry of being struck by a vehicle. This also is helping businesses succeed.

There has not been this much foot traffic in Uptown Whittier since I moved here in 2008.

Please do not take our Promenade away, do not discourage public from visiting our city.

I thank you for taking the time to read my reasons for keeping the Promenade intact and thriving for the sake of visitors and business owners.

Respectfully,

Henry Valdivia

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