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Dear Mr. Saeki:

I am forwarding to you an email that I sent you on 4/28/2022. I was hoping to get a response from you, but I haven't gotten any reply. I called Trina at your office today and was told that in order to get a response from you, I need to resend my email of 4/28/22. That is the first reason for forwarding the email below to you. Therefore, I want to ask that you reply to my email of 4/28/22 and to this email.

The second reason is to request that my comments in my 4/28/22 email and in this email be put on the official record of communications between the City of Whittier and its residents.

A third reason is that I want to request that you send copies of my 4/28/22 email to the Planning Commission and the City Clerk. Please forward my 4/28/22 email and this email to those offices.

Mr. Saeki, I would like to ask you a question concerning revenue for the City of Whittier: For a given area, for example one square mile, which type of zoning provides the greatest revenue for the City-- Commercial, Industrial, or Residential over a period of a year?

I have been exploring alternative uses to existing commercial properties that are expected to be rezoned into multiple uses for both residential and commercial properties. Here is a link to a company I have found that I believe the City should consider as a potential alternative to multiple unit residential developments: <https://www.gogreenagriculture.com/>

I contacted a representative of GoGreenAgriculture regarding the possibility of potentially using Whittwood Town Center as a site for horizontal farming, a type of hydroponic agriculture similar to vertical farming, but using single story rather than multiple story structures. He checked out the Whittwood site online and expressed great interest in further exploration of that possibility. GoGreenAgriculture sells its produce to restaurants and to big box stores, such as Costco. People I have spoken to about the residential development at La Serna and Janine and future uses of the Whittwood Town Center have agreed with me that hydroponics facilities would be far better uses of

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those properties. In your response to my 4/28/22 email and to this email, please give me your assessment as to how revenues for the City from a hydroponics plant would compare to revenues from multiple unit residences on the same sites over the same period of time.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Feinzimer

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From: **Cindy Feinzimer** <[cfeinzimer@gmail.com](mailto:cfeinzimer@gmail.com)>

Date: Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 9:27 PM

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To: <[admin@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:admin@cityofwhittier.org)>

Dear Mr. Saeki,

My husband and I will not be able to attend the Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, May 2. We would like to express our support for your efforts to oppose the State's requirements under SB 9, ending single family zoning in California. I have heard that there are plans to build more housing units at the Whittwood and Quad Shopping Centers, under SB 9. Adding more housing along Whittier Blvd. will negatively impact already heavy traffic, including emergency vehicles on Code 3. Parents have expressed to me that the schools are already too crowded. Adding more housing units will worsen the overcrowding situation in our schools. There have been numerous news reports this week about how the drought is expected to bring on water restrictions in many areas of the Southland. If we are already short of water, adding more housing units will worsen an already critical water shortage. We are beginning to see certain food shortages due to supply chain issues brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. Putting greater demands on the already stressed food supply chain will only worsen that situation. Our sewer lines now carry a tremendous load of sewage and water drainage. That system could be overwhelmed by the addition of thousands of more housing units. We also question whether the added units would be affordable for the younger population to which it will be targeted. So who will be able to buy them?

I would like to propose an alternative use for the land in these centers that is being planned for additional housing. Vertical farming is where agricultural crops are grown indoors. It uses less water, adds to the food supply, and provides fresh nutritious vegetables to our local restaurants. Vertical farming would provide employment for local residents, and improve public health by increasing the supply of organically grown food. Here is a link to an interesting and informative video about what one company, Plenty, is doing with vertical farming in Compton:

<https://abc7.com/vertical-farming-companies-stocks-compton-plenty/10433158/>

You can find more information by Googling "certified indoor hydroponic or aeroponic vertical farming in southern california." I hope this furthers the possibility of diverting the current additional housing course to one where Whittier lands a vertical farm for the benefit of its residents. We would like to hear any thoughts you have about this matter.

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Cynthia Feinzimer