

RECEIVED ON: August 29, 2022

**From:** [John Perez](#)  
**To:** [WebMail - CCD](#)  
**Subject:** 12826 Philadelphia Street  
**Date:** Monday, August 29, 2022 5:36:38 PM

---

[**NOTICE:** This message originated outside of City of Whittier -- **DO NOT CLICK** on **links** or open **attachments** unless you are sure the content is safe.]

Good evening Whittier City Council,

I am writing in strong support of the proposed 52-unit apartment complex at 12826 Philadelphia Street in Uptown Whittier. The reasons I support the project are listed below.

1. The rental vacancy rate is at a two-decade low. There are many reports of apartment hunters bidding against other potential renters to secure an apartment. It is bad enough to have to bid to purchase a home, but to bid to rent an apartment is sickening.
2. Infill residential development is excellent for the environment. Which is more sustainable, 52 single-family homes in the untouched hillside or 52 apartments in an established community? I should add that individuals living in an apartment use less water and electricity per capita than their peers living in single-family homes.
3. Reduced parking requirements are a great tool to prevent and mitigate automobile traffic. If you dislike traffic, stop incentivizing people to own and drive multiple vehicles. As a renter of a studio apartment, one parking space is enough for me.
4. Uptown Whittier businesses would greatly benefit from new residents. 52 new households equal 52+ new potential customers. To expand on this, imagine an Uptown Whittier where the restaurants and bars are sustained by residents within walking distance rather than the people that drive in.
5. I respectfully disagree with the statement from Councilwoman Martinez that "Parking isn't so great in Uptown." I have visited Uptown Whittier on multiple occasions (weeknights and weekends) and have never had a problem finding parking. Just because the lot behind the movie theater is full doesn't mean Uptown Whittier has parking problems.
6. I am going off on a tangent, but it is the city's responsibility to ensure that each generation of residents has a place to live. I recall a planning commissioner in an area city stating that their city was built out and couldn't accommodate their RHNA-required housing. **WRONG!** You have to plan and build homes for each generation of residents. Will apartments be available to the recent graduates of Whittier area high schools when they want to move out from their parents? Will homes be available when they reach their home-buying age? This needs to be asked each year.

Please support the project. Thank you for your time.

Best,

John Perez

RECEIVED ON:

27-year-old area resident

Council Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_