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Hello, my name is Cecilia Britton and I live at the Groves Phase 7 Bayberry. My family enjoys this community and our neighbors. We'd like to raise some areas of improvement we'd like the city to take action on.

SECURITY

We appreciate Whittier PD's efforts to keep our community safe. We'd like to know what the protocols are to make arrests. Last week Whittier PD was called because a naked man was seen touching himself inappropriately. Whittier PD did not make an arrest – he was escorted off the premises and seen in Whittier later that day. There was also an attempted break in at the Commons – Whittier PD did not make an arrest and the individual was escorted off the premises.

Some residents were informed that arrests were not made because the perpetrator must be identified by the victim in person. Some may not have childcare available to make the identification with Whittier PD, fear for their safety or endure other circumstances that may prevent in-person identification.

With Whittier having its own city-run police department, can policies be updated to modernize how a perpetrator is identified? Can photos be used to help identify an alleged perpetrator? Other security incidents this month include theft of packages delivered to neighbors' homes, catalytic converter theft and trespassing in the pool area. Please continue to keep our community safe.

PARKING & DEVELOPMENTS

We oppose a proposal that requires residents in Whittier to pay for permit parking. Some in the neighborhood were told permit parking would be a program offered when construction is complete. Parking at the Groves is increasingly becoming an issue as more residents move in and businesses open up. Some of the homes in this community were only allotted 1 parking space, others have garages that only fit 2 compact cars.

I also ask the City Council to oppose the CUP request made to permit a church to operate at 11750 Whittier Blvd. There was inadequate public outreach conducted by the applicant and city planners regarding this project. Our community was never notified of the public hearing process for this CUP case, and we are disappointed to see a church replace a vacant commercial lot that is zoned for mixed-use. This lot could be used to create more housing, provide commercial space for local, small businesses, or even an Asian grocery store. There are also concerns that this development will create further parking issues in the community.

CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

We understand the City will be going redistricting Whittier's four electoral districts. As a resident of the Groves, I would like to remain in District 1. Moving to District 2 or District 4 means residents in my neighborhood would not have an opportunity to vote in the next district election in 2024, and would be forced to wait until 2026 to vote in a district election.

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