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To Whittier Mayor and City Council,

The following is a critical area of concern for residents at Hellman Ground Zero and for passers-by, e.g., pedestrians, children, bicyclists, skateboarders, drivers, runners, walkers and hikers.

I would like to make the City aware that something drastically needs to be done about the intersection at Greenleaf & Orange. At miscellaneous times throughout the day, and especially during the night and early morning hours of 11:30pm-4am there are vehicles that do not stop at the 4-way stop, especially going North and South on Greenleaf. And at times going East and West on Orange. Also, there have been cars doing donuts. Most vehicles just disregard the stop sign completely, constantly speed, do California rolls, and block the intersection.

The Greenleaf & Orange intersection has become extremely dangerous with the increase in traffic due to Hellman Trail visitors and with the increasing population growth within our city. It's very dangerous when crossing these streets, getting in/out of vehicles, and pulling out vehicles from a parked position or driveway.

Some vehicles coming to and from Starlight Estates drive approximately 50-60 miles per hour and they do not stop until they get down to Beverly Blvd OR make it all the way up the hill into Starlight Estates. There have been several near misses with vehicles and pedestrians. Most all vehicles fail to stop and it's just a matter of time before people are killed. Additionally, homeowners on the corners of Greenleaf & Orange are frightened that a vehicle will crash onto our property or catapult into our house.

I would like to request that the City Council review, study, and act on this matter and consider placing speed bump(s), an island, flashing pedestrian lights when the button is pushed, or better yet a modern roundabout with a 4-way stop to slow down and stop the vehicles from all directions.

The following are a few Modern Roundabout benefits noted online:

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- They provide traffic calming, resulting in reduced speeds.
- They require less maintenance.
  - Have lower yearly operational costs.
  - Have a longer service life.
  - The median islands provide refuge for pedestrians, allowing them to cross one direction of traffic at a time.
  - They provide additional opportunities for landscaping in the community.
  - More cost effective to construct.
  - Improved traffic flow.
  - Vehicles slow down when approaching the intersection.
  - Vehicles yield to pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the roadway.
  - Have been proven to reduce injury accidents by 75% and fatal accidents by 90%.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Remember citizen and pedestrian safety should always be a number one concern. Without action or prompt attention to this matter could result in a critical accident or fatality.

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