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Dear City Council,

I hope you are well. I hope you all received my last email that I sent to your personal email.

I am commenting on Item 14A. As a lifelong resident on Painter Ave, I want to ensure the repaving process incorporates the interests of the residents who live along highly-used roads. Not only are families who live on Painter disproportionately exposed to air pollutants and traffic violence from cars, but they also disproportionately bear the burden of traffic noise. Recently, the wealthy residents on Colima benefited from a recent repaving in which a sound-proofing rubber material was added to the road.

I am asking the City Council to give guidance to city staff to study this sound-proofing option for Painter ave. Parts of Painter Ave (particularly South of Whittier Blvd) are historically redlined communities and already struggle with a variety of environmental issues. As opposed to the Colima residents, some homes on Painter are much closer to the road and are directly adjacent to the sidewalk, exacerbating noise impacts. I believe that it is more than appropriate to add the necessary measures to reduce the impacts to those who live along heavily used roads.

Another idea that the Council should consider is adding a bike or bus lane (or a shared bike bus-lane) to Painter ave. Repaving occurs very infrequently, and we should always strategically plan out changes to our road network. Painter ave has a significant amount of bike traffic, being connected to the Greenway trail, Uptown, Whittier college, and a business corridor. I highly encourage the council to consider a "road diet" to further reduce the financial burden of repaving wide roads. Road diets will reduce the road damage because cars and trucks significantly wear down roads. With future housing development at the Quad, we should think forwardly about how we move people around. As we all know, Whittier traffic is getting worse. Further, if the council decides to choose a dedicated bus lane, emergency response times will drop because they can use the wide-open lane more safely. Contrary to uninformed beliefs, road diets do not cause worsened traffic. Please look at the fact sheet that I am attaching below on road diets by the Department of Transportation.

I look forward to listening to the discussion on this important topic.

Best,  
Christian Israelian

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