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This is a copy of an email interaction between myself, Rolando Cano #whittiercano, and the City Whittier City Clerk. I requested answers to questions about the Greenleaf Promenade, the City of Whittier Uptown Survey, and Conflict of Interest by Joe Vinatieri, at this point Joe Vinatieri had not recused himself from meetings involving Uptown Whittier and the introduction of his new Uptown plan that stopped the previous approval of the Uptown Streetscape Plan.

#whittiercano

This email was sent on July 8th, 2021, 2 4:03 pm

Good afternoon Mr Garcia,

I have a couple of questions for you.

The Greenleaf Promenade is to be located in the Uptown District on Greenleaf and I am aware that the funding through the Uptown Associations are not the source of the funding that will be used to build this project.

1. Will the residents of Whittier pay for, in part or as a whole, the Greenleaf Promenade project?

2. Where will the monies for this project come from as the project moves forward?

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3. Who took part, example; the Mayor or Council, in the creation of the Survey that the City is currently circulating and asking residents to fill out for the Greenleaf Promenade?

4. Why is the survey asking questions that are specifically designated for Uptown Property owners and Businesses in Uptown?

5. Why are the residents in Whittier not included in the inquiry of this survey?

6a. Why is there no disclosure on any part of this process that would and should mention that Mayor Joe Vinatieri is to directly benefit from this process and this project as he is now an owner of a restaurant on Greenleaf Ave?

6b. Is this not considered conflict of interest?

7. Will this survey be replaced with one that creates inclusion of all our residents that will be affected by this project, and will there be transparency on this survey and the total process taken that mentions the direct benefit the Mayor will gain as a new business owner in Uptown on Greenleaf?

Thank you for your time and look forward to your response on this matter.

Sincerely,

Rolando Cano

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Rigo Garcia <rgarcia@cityofwhittier.org>

Jul 13, 2021, 12:18 PM

to me, Brian

Rolando,

At our in-person discussion, I mentioned I would respond to your email and timestamp a copy after my meeting which was scheduled to end at 3:00 p.m. As promised, I responded, timestamped, and handed the original to the receptionist in the lobby at 2:40 p.m. because I did not see you in the lobby. Before I left for the day I checked to see if you were in the lobby again at approximately 3:02 p.m. and did not see you.

Below are the responses in **green**.

1. Will the residents of Whittier pay for, in part or as a whole, the Greenleaf Promenade project? **If City Council approves a permanent Greenleaf Promenade, Staff will present different funding sources for the project and City Council would decide on how to pay for it.**
2. Where will the monies for this project come from as the project moves forward? **Please see above.**
3. Who took part, example; the Mayor or Council, in the creation of the Survey that the City is currently circulating and asking residents to fill out for the Greenleaf Promenade? **Staff prepared the questions for the survey and provided a draft to the WUA, UWIA, Chamber of Commerce and City Manager, who shared the draft with the**

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City Council. There were no comments provided by the City Council.

4. Why is the survey asking questions that are specifically designated for Uptown Property owners and Businesses in Uptown? The City Council directed staff during their meeting on March 23, 2021 to reach out to the property owners and businesses in the Uptown area for their feedback.

5. Why are the residents in Whittier not included in the inquiry of this survey? Residents are included and their involvement has been publicly encouraged. The survey has been shared on the City's social media pages, as well as other social media Whittier neighborhood groups for the purpose of reaching residents and community members. No one is exempt from participating and taking the survey and all participants are asked the question of whether or not they would like to see the Promenade remain in place or Greenleaf Avenue reopened fully.

6a. Why is there no disclosure on any part of this process that would and should mention that Mayor Joe Vinatieri is to directly benefit from this process and this project as he is now an owner of a restaurant on Greenleaf Ave? The City Council has not voted to approve the project, the survey seeks feedback from residents, customers, and the Uptown Whittier area on the Greenleaf Promenade.

6b. Is this not considered conflict of interest? The FPPC provides informal advice on potential conflict of interest, they are the best source to answer your question. (www.fppc.ca.gov)

7. Will this survey be replaced with one that creates inclusion of all our residents that will be affected by this project, and will there be transparency on this survey and the total process taken that mentions the direct benefit the Mayor will gain as a new business owner in Uptown on Greenleaf? All members of the community are able to take the survey and all who are interested in the potential Promenade concept have been encouraged to participate and share feedback.

Rigo Garcia | City Clerk

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