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Dear Whittier City Council,

My name is Q, and I had the privilege of participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Leffingwell Park pickleball courts. I am currently watching the City Council meeting online and felt compelled to write to you.

I want to express my support and appreciation for your vote to move forward with the Greenleaf Promenade Plan as proposed on June 18, 2024, but to my surprise, we are again in a special session discussing the trees. As a Whittier resident for the past 15 years, I believe it is well overdue that we modernize our downtown area.

I am very involved in the East Whittier community, and I know many residents who avoid Uptown because it lacks the modern amenities of other shopping areas. The poor lighting and general sense of insecurity at night deter residents from visiting.

We must be resolute in our decisions to modernize our city. The Greenleaf Promenade Plan represents a significant step forward in making Whittier a more attractive, safe, and vibrant place for everyone.

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve our community. I look forward to seeing the positive changes this plan will bring to our city.

And for the record, I have no business interest in Uptown Whittier.

Sincerely,

Quetzal "Q" Arellano

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