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Good evening, Members of the city councel. My name is Shane Williams. And i have resided at 10930 groveland ave, Whittier Ca 90603 for the past 28 years. As time has went on I have the city change to good and sometimes to the bad. I have raised all my kids here in whittier. if i was just starting out raising kids i would most likely look at other citys. So I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed halfway house in our neighborhood. While I understand the importance of rehabilition programs, I firmly believe that our quit, familyoriented community is not the ideal location for such a facility. Our neighborhood is home to many young families with children and elderly residents who deserve s safe and peaceful environment. The potential risks associated with individuals transitioning from addiction or mental health crises could pose a serious threat to our community's well-being. City of whittier should have kept the rehabilitations housing open on whittier Blvd. if this is what the city of whittier will be allowing. Recent years have seen an increase in homelessness and mental health issues in our area, many of them drinking beer on street corners asking the working class people for money, and the city of whittier allowing this to happen, all this leading to a decline in our quality of life. Our once-vibrant Whittwood town center is now marred by disturbances and safety concerns. The addition of halfway house would only exacerbate these problems. I urge you to carefully consider the potential negative impacts on our

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community. We need to prioritize the safety and security of our residents, particularly our children and elderly. I implore alternative locations for this facility that would minimize the risk to our neighborhood.