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City Council,

Please consider extending the duration of the Greenleaf Promenade until normal restaurant and retail operations may resume without COVID-19 restrictions. This would (I think) correlate to Los Angeles County achieving the "MINIMAL" risk level on the State's *Blueprint for a Safer Economy*.

New York City has recently moved to make their outdoor dining permanent ([LINK](#)). Whittier is postured to be in a much better position to help recovery of our businesses, since we do not have a real winter to have to cope with. A visit to our Promenade on any recent weekend shows that people are willing to help the local economy by eating out. This opportunity for our local businesses is the sole lifeline keeping them open. Anything the City could do to increase certainty during these crazy times would help local businesses make operating decisions confident that things will not have to be undone in some near future. Committing to the Promenade indefinitely would do this.

My encouragement would be to make this extension indefinite (subject to COVID-19 progress) but not yet permanent. I think that a permanent change to Greenleaf ought to entail more public comment, input from businesses and/or owners, public protection and City Planning. This input could inform a revision to the Uptown Specific Plan. We have the time to start this discussion on permanency.

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