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Dear City of Whittier,

I am a resident of Uptown Whittier and also a business owner of a restaurant on Greenleaf Avenue.

I want to thank you for allowing Uptown Whittier businesses to move into the streets for outdoor dining. It has literally saved our businesses and allowed us not only to financially survive the COVID pandemic closures but also GROW our business a bit in this chaotic, unprecedented time.

The Promenade has completely transformed the Uptown Whittier business area into a safe place for the community to get out of their homes to have a nice lunch or dinner and shop. We see things every day now that we never saw before the Promenade existed - we love seeing families with kids on bikes, couples of all ages on date night, and people walking their dogs. Greenleaf now feels like a wonderfully family-friendly place. We also hear constantly that the Promenade is bringing in people from surrounding areas all over the Greater Los Angeles area to eat, shop, and spend their money. Literally all of our customers say KEEP THE PROMENADE.

We have made a financial investment to get this far in terms of lumber and building supplies, lighting, décor and lots of PPE. We are willing to continue to invest in making our dining spaces even better and safer if we know that we can maintain outdoor dining, hopefully indefinitely. Further, we have not heard any complaints about a lack of parking, but the eminent new parking structure will mitigate that concern if it exists.

**I ask you to Please, Please extend the life of the Promenade indefinitely. The continued survival of Uptown Whittier businesses entirely depends on it.**

Sending health to you and our community.

Very sincerely,

Kimberly Harlan  
Resident, Murphy Hill 90601  
Owner, Modern Shaman restaurant at 6744 Greenleaf Avenue.

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