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The answer isn't more wash cars, massage parlors, expensive fast casual restaurants and expensive food halls. These offerings only serve people in transit to and from the 605.

Whittier is part of the Gateway Cities region. The term originates from the region being a gateway between Los Angeles and Orange counties. Much of Whittier conforms to this characteristic: single-family homes and low rise multifamily residences. The tempting thing is to continue to lean into this moniker, but the reality is that these cities in the region have outgrown it.

The cities abutting the 605 corridor represent some of the most densely populated municipalities in the United States. With the demand for more new housing, and in the only way that makes sense given the marketplace - not only single family homes - the population in the city of Whittier will continue to grow, and there needs to be more third-spaces to accommodate residents which fosters community and civic engagement.

Whittier is its own city, and we should develop like it.

Sincerely,
William Ha
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