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Dear Mayor Becerra and members of the City Council:

Yesterday I received the attached notice from the City of Whittier announcing yet another Historic Resources Commission meeting cancellation. I am informed that the city has for months now had the final report on contributing and non-contributing resources in the Central Park and Hadley-Greenleaf districts. The disappointment last August when the HRC expanded the study, resulting in another 6 months delay, was devastating. The city has been out of compliance in these districts for years, resulting in illegally and unconstitutionally treating homeowners in these districts as contributing for purposes of all the burdens and as non-contributing for purposes of all the benefits of owning historic properties in need of historic preservation, at great cost to us.

After the August meeting, all meetings were cancelled through February. This project was not included on the March or April meeting agendas, and now the May meeting has been cancelled. As I feared, the 6-month delay has turned into at least 9 months, and maybe longer. There has been delay after delay for many, many years. City staff is the bottleneck, and they seem to have no motivation to take any action.

This has cost homeowners like me many thousands of dollars and resulted in delays of necessary work to preserve the city's historic assets.

At the April meeting, we learned from city staff that they just haven't gotten around to reviewing the reports in their possession and agendizing them for HRC action.

Mayor Becerra, as a former member of this Commission, you personally have deep knowledge of these problems. I had hoped your election to your current position would result in change. I believe you and the current Council can direct city staff to prioritize this work that the previous administration had directed staff to neglect. I am asking you to do this or to make a public statement about why you can't.

My requests over the past few months to both the HRC and the former City Council fell on deaf ears until the last HRC meeting, when staff did briefly explain that they hadn't had time to review the reports.

The city is spending millions on police overtime, which needs to be reviewed, but seems to be unable to allocate time to its planning staff to comply with the law. Please look into this and remedy it immediately. Please also direct staff not to cancel any more HRC meetings until the process is finished, even if the only agenda items are public comments and a report on the progress of this project.

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Council Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agenda Item No: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you,

Susan Cameron

## **Historic Resources Commission Meeting Cancelled**

- Date: 05/13/2026 6:00 PM
- Location: City Hall  
[13230 Penn Street](#)  
[Whittier, California 90602](#)

The [Historic Resources Commission](#) meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in City Hall. Contact the [Community Development Department](#) for additional information.

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