

ENVISION WHITTIER QUESTIONNAIRE

November 7th – November 19th, 2017

SUMMARY

Overview

The City of Whittier distributed a questionnaire for Envision Whittier, the City's General Plan Update process, from November 7th to November 19th, 2017. Four-hundred and ninety-one (491) Whittier residents, property owners, students, and workers responded to the questionnaire. An electronic version of the questionnaire was promoted via social media and on the Envision Whittier website. The City distributed a paper version of the questionnaire at the Whittier Farmers' Market, the City Hall reception desk, a variety of community centers, and a Chamber of Commerce event, and put up flyers promoting the online version. Partner stakeholders, including local community and business groups, promoted the questionnaire to their members.

The objective of the questionnaire was to:

1. Understand residents' opinions on issues and opportunities in Whittier; and
2. Solicit input on what residents value, building on perspectives collected during the Envision Whittier Launch Workshops.

The questionnaire included twenty-two questions: fifteen topic-based questions about issues, opportunities, and values in Whittier. Seven questions asked demographic questions about the respondents. The questionnaire included questions related to Uptown Whittier and Whittier Boulevard, safety, transportation, health, parks and recreation, homelessness, and affordable housing.

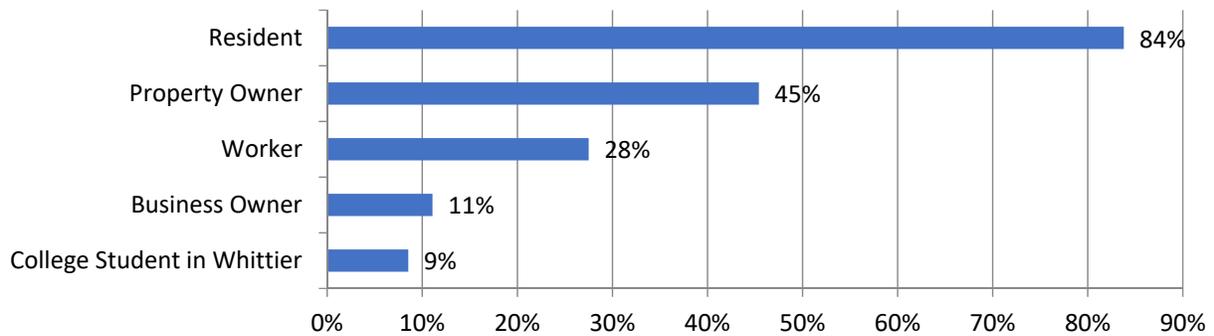
This summary is organized as follows:

1. The demographic characteristics of questionnaire respondents are displayed as charts by question.
2. The results of the topic-based questions are displayed as charts and/or a summary of top responses as appropriate by question.
3. An Appendix which includes a copy of the questionnaire and all responses to open-ended questions and "other" options.

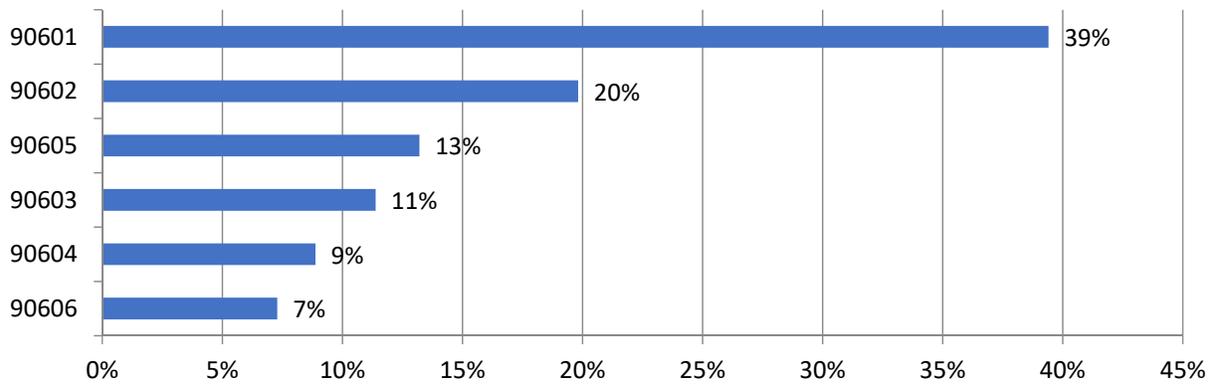
Respondent Demographics: Results

The following tables show the demographic characteristics of those who responded to the questionnaire.

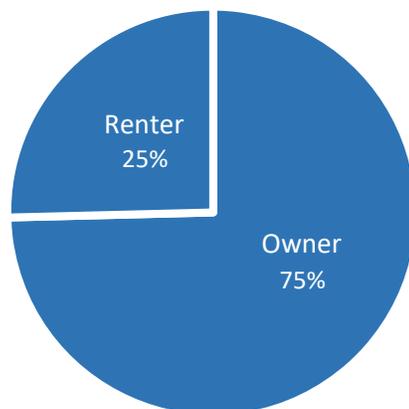
Q15: Do you live, work, own a business or property, or go to college in Whittier (select all that apply)?



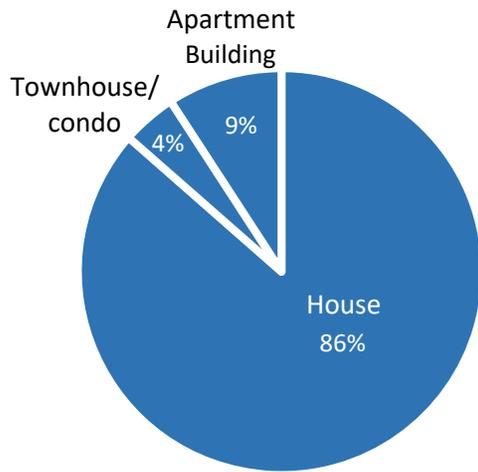
Q16: If you are a resident, what is your zip code?



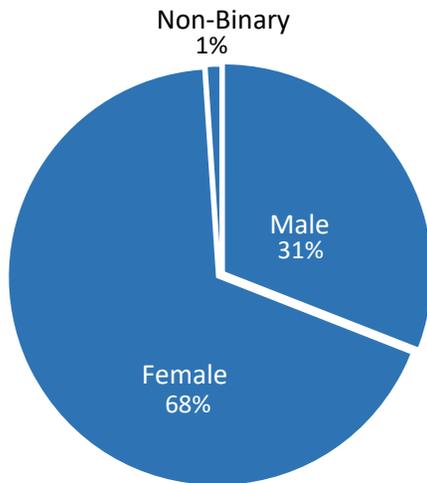
Q17: If you are a resident, are you an owner or a renter?



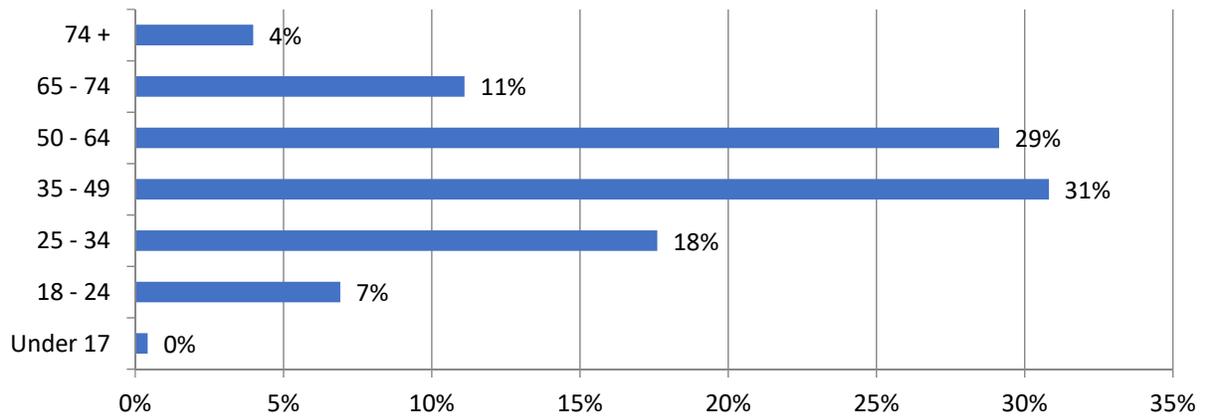
Q18: If you are a resident, do you live in a house, townhouse/condo, or apartment building?



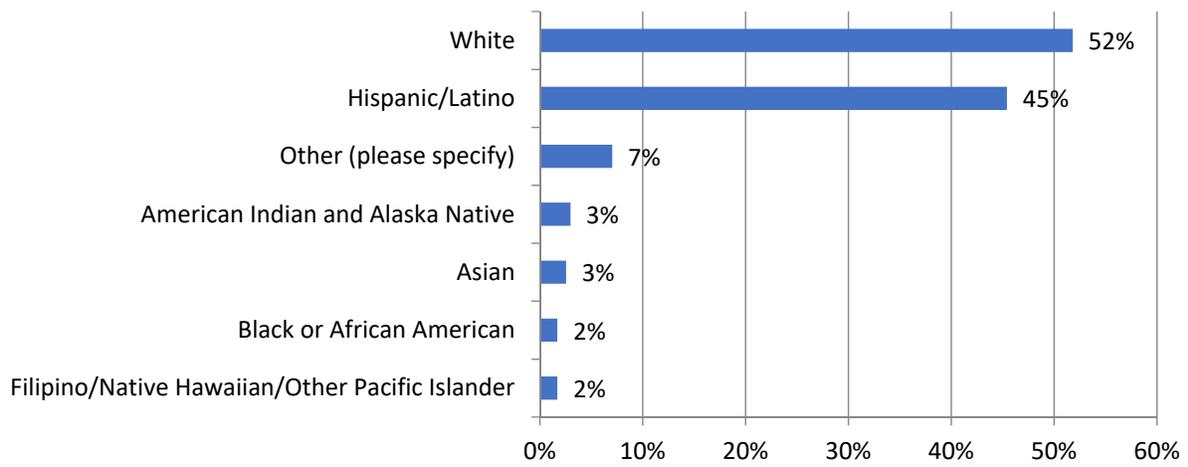
Q19: How do you identify?



Q20: What is your age?



Q21: How do you identify (check all that apply)?



Topic Questions: Results and Findings

All responses to open-ended questions (questions 1, 2, 7, 14, 15) and responses to “other” categories in multiple choice questions (questions 3-6 and 9-13) are included in Appendix B. Responses to the “other” category are summarized below only if a theme or opinion was recorded by 10 or more respondents.

Q1. What do you like most about Whittier?

Four-hundred and sixty-five (465) respondents provided an answer to this question.

Small-Town Feel

More than 150 respondents highlighted Whittier’s small-town feel and sense of community as what they like most about the City. For example, one respondent said: *“Whittier is the perfect size for me. Big enough to offer a variety of things to do but small enough so that it is easy to know many people in your neighborhood.”* Another shared that *“We are a tight community and love the fact that we are surrounded by long-time residents and businesses.”*

Uptown Whittier

Seventy respondents mentioned Uptown Whittier in response to this question. They shared that they like the mom and pop shops in the area, the night life, how walkable it is, etc.

Tree-Lined Streets and Green Neighborhoods

More than 50 respondents liked the tree-lined streets and green neighborhoods of Whittier. For example, one resident shared that they liked most *“The beautiful mature trees, parks, and established neighborhoods.”*

Between 10 and 50 respondents highlighted how they liked the following characteristics of Whittier:

- Hills and hiking trails
- Parks and the Greenway Trail
- Neighborhoods
- History and historic buildings
- Small businesses
- Diverse shops and restaurants

Q2: If you could change one thing in Whittier, what would you change?

Four-hundred and sixty-seven (477) people responded to this question.

Improve Uptown Whittier

If they could change one thing, almost 100 respondents wanted to improve Uptown Whittier in some way, including by making it safer and more lively, attracting more businesses, improving facades, increasing parking, cleaning the streets and sidewalks, increasing nighttime hours of businesses, etc.

Homelessness

Almost 90 respondents mentioned that they wanted to decrease the number of people who are experiencing homelessness and using drugs in parks, Uptown, on the streets, and on trails in Whittier. For example, one respondent wrote that they wanted to change the *“Homeless presence in uptown. I don't feel safe at night walking alone and I love going to uptown.”*

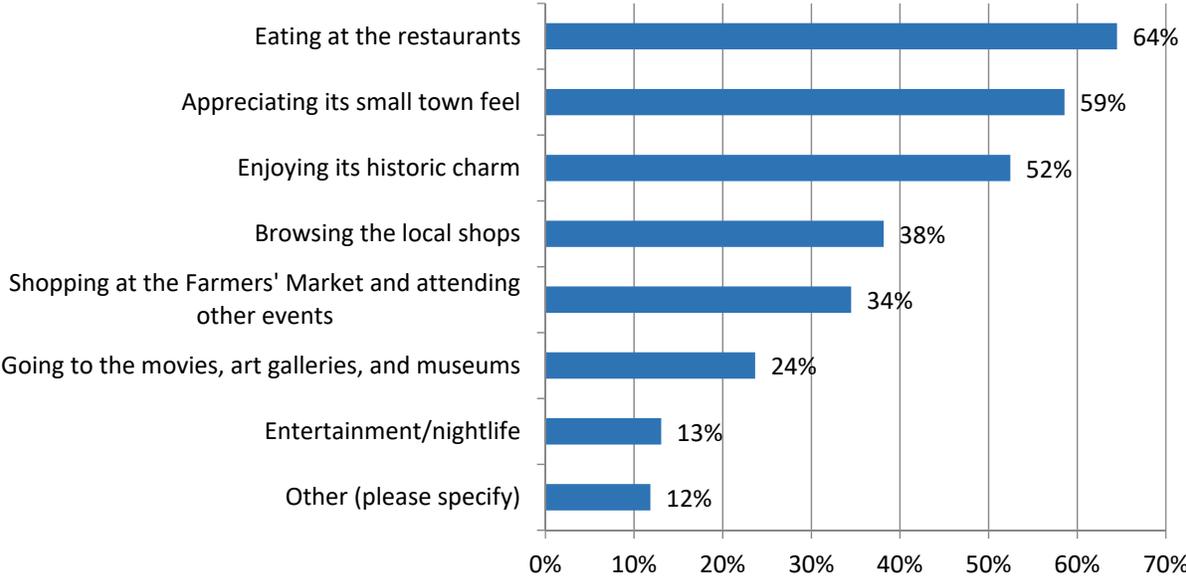
Personal Safety

Seventy respondents mentioned increasing crime and concern regarding their personal safety. For example, one respondent noted that *“It appears crime is increasing: car burglary, theft, vandalism and home burglaries. I would like some police patrols in the residential areas.”*

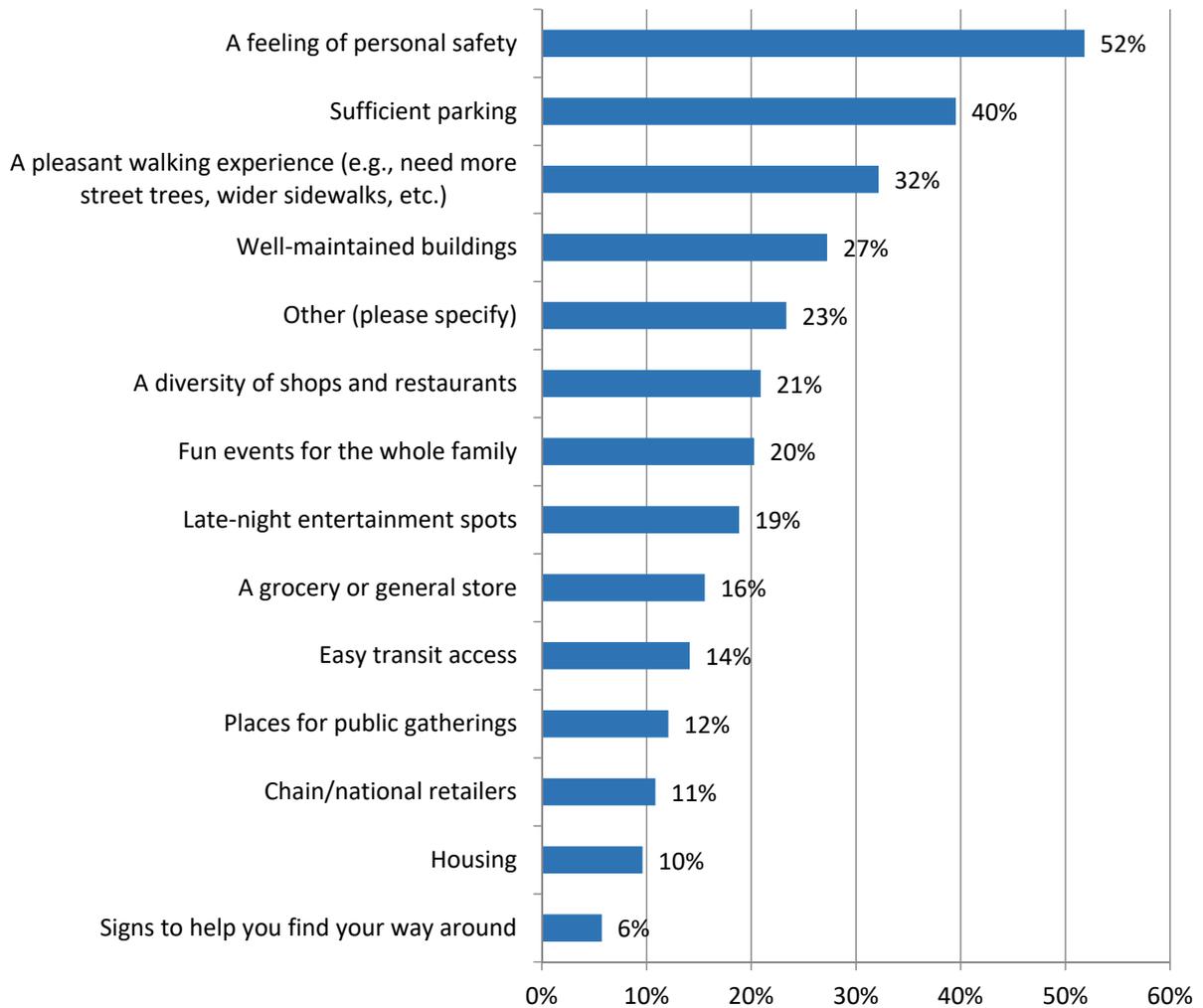
Between 10 and 50 respondents highlighted the other following themes:

- Improve parking
- Increase police presence
- Decrease amount of new housing development, especially high-density development
- Improve bicycle infrastructure
- Too much traffic congestion

Q3. What do you like most about Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?



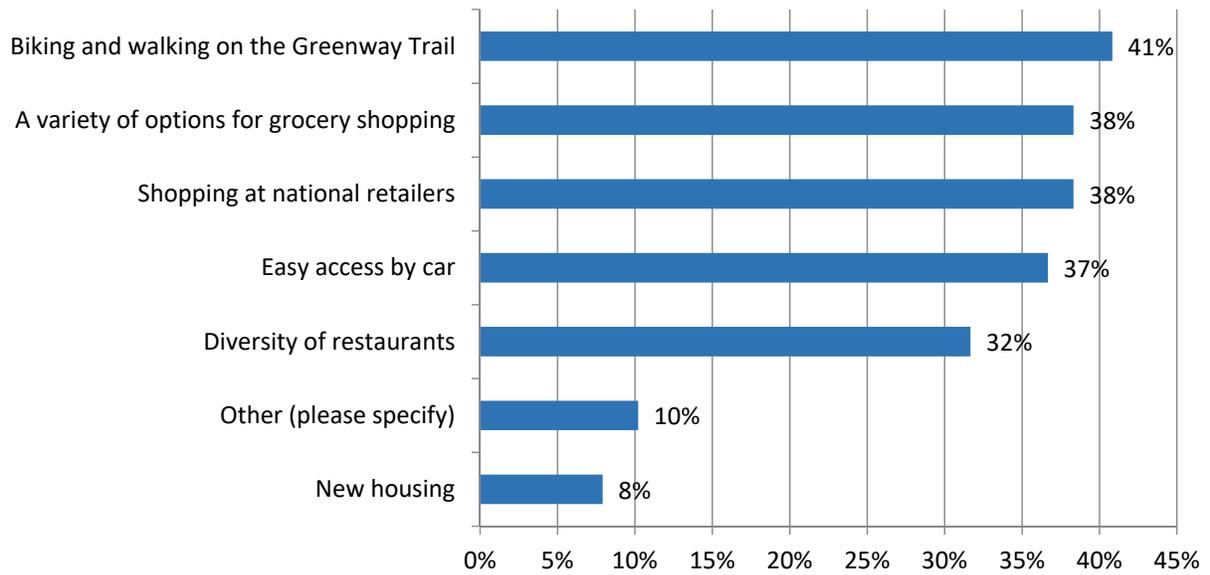
Q4: What is missing in Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?



Top “Other” Responses (recorded by 10 or more individuals):

- Clean and well-maintained sidewalks, streets, and building facades
- More visible police presence
- Street lighting
- Too many people experiencing homelessness
- More desirable shopping and dining

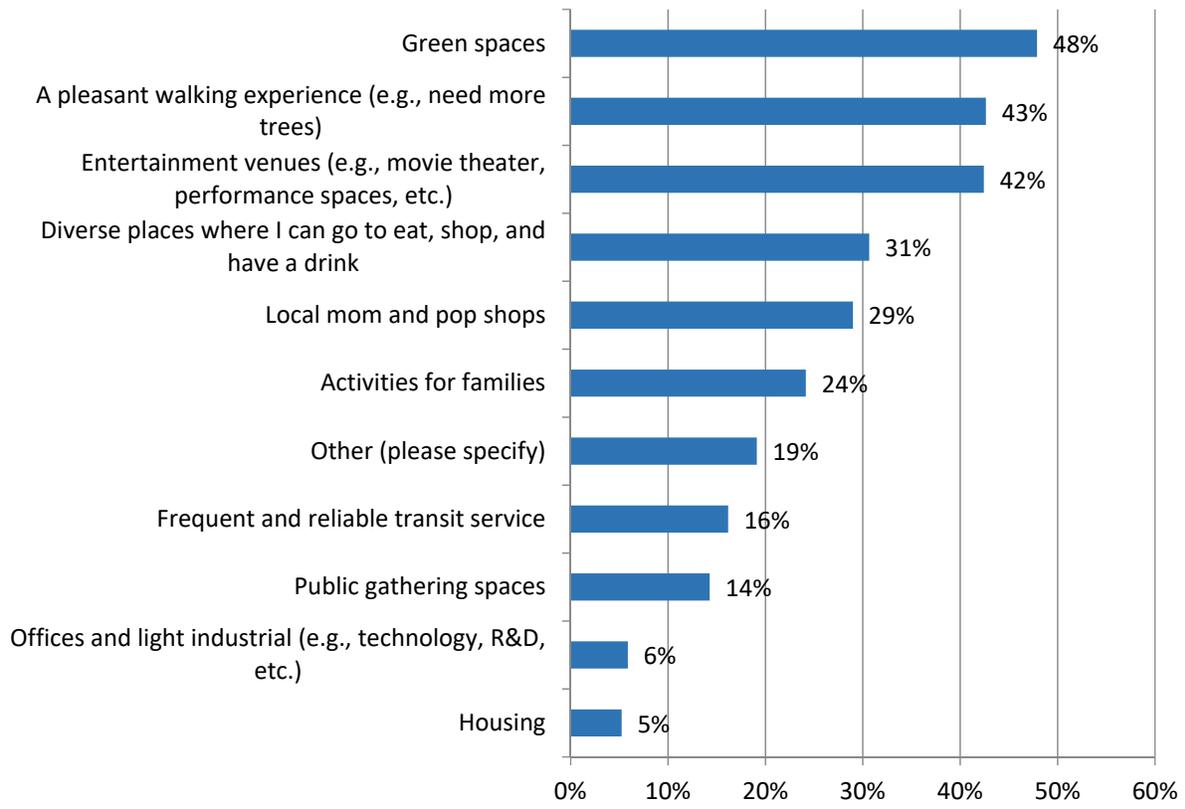
Q5: What do you like most about Whittier Boulevard (pick your top two)?



Top “Other” Response (recorded by 10 or more individuals)

- Nothing

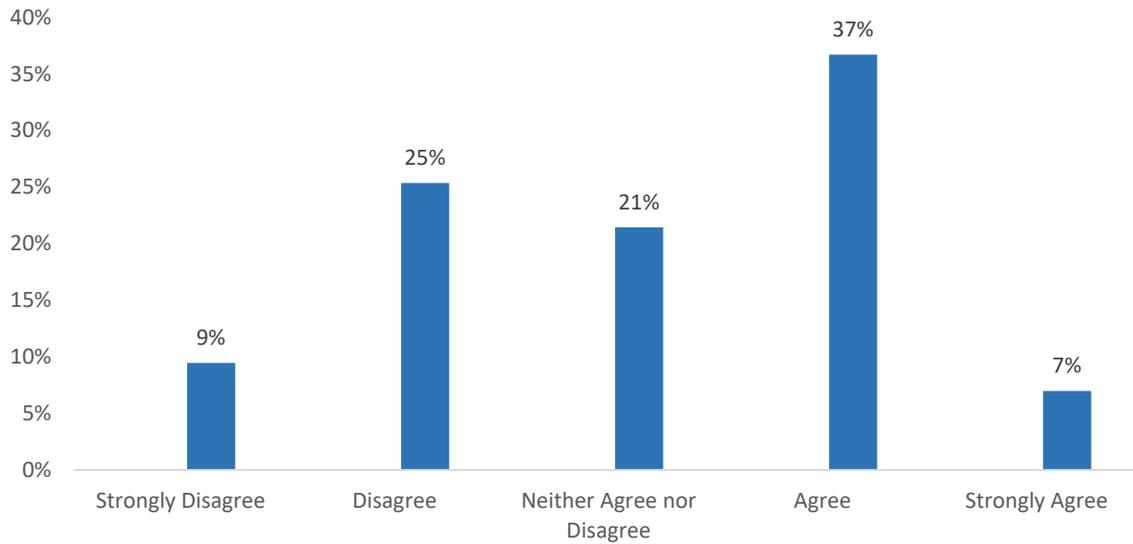
Q6: What is missing from Whittier Boulevard (pick your top three)?



Top “Other” Responses (recorded by 10 or more individuals)

- Beautification, cleanliness, and maintenance of building facades and sidewalks
- Traffic flow
- Personal safety

Q7: To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."



“Why or Why Not”

Three-hundred and fourteen (314) responded to the second part of this question: “why or why not?”. The following statements are themes/opinions mentioned by 10 or more respondents, sorted by strongly agree/agree, neither agree nor disagree, and strongly disagree/disagree.

Strongly Agree/Agree

- There is a good police department
- Feeling of safety depends on the area or time of day (e.g., Uptown feels unsafe because of those experiencing homelessness, drug users, youth; alleyways)
- It is a safe place to live

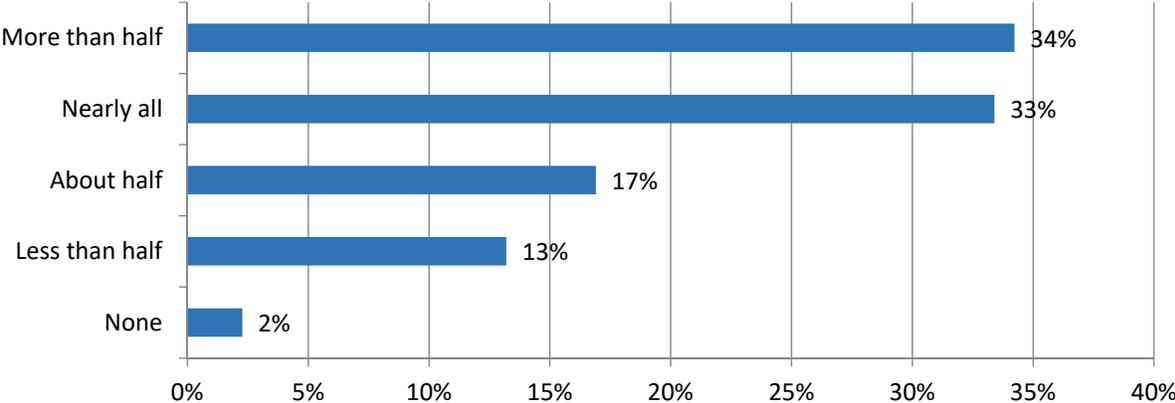
Neither Agree nor Disagree

- Feeling of safety depends on the area or time of day
- Increase in crime is concerning

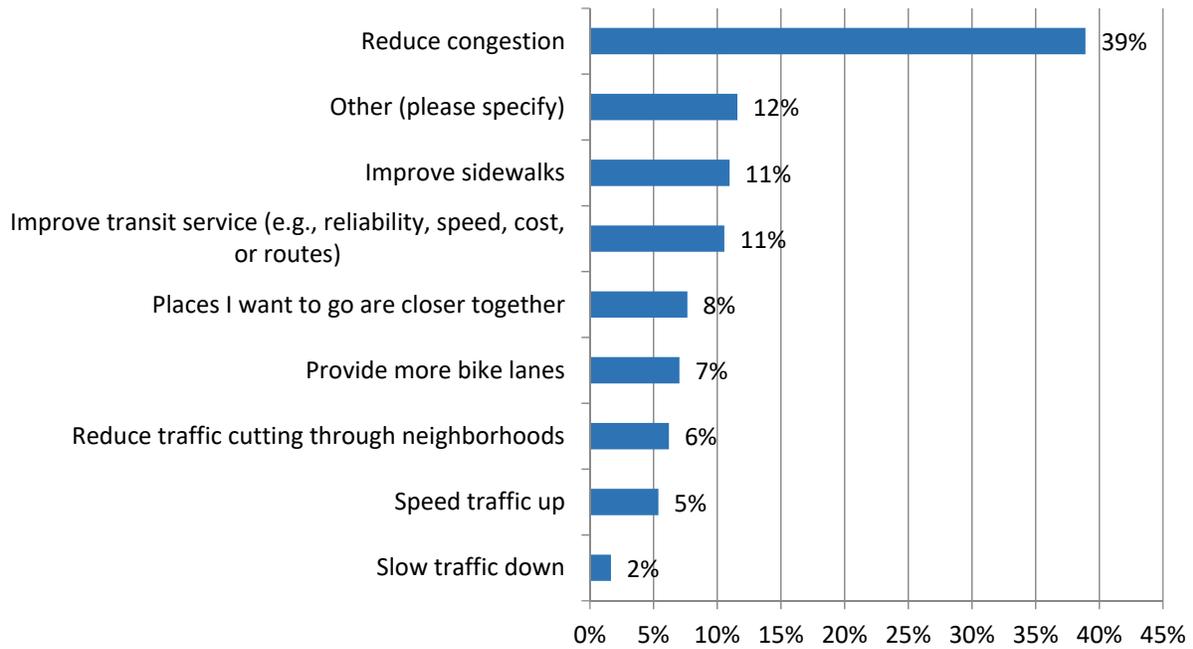
Strongly Disagree/Disagree

- Increase in those experiencing homelessness, those using drugs, and gang activity decreases feeling of safety
- Increase in crime is concerning

Q8: Not including your travel to/from work or to/from school, what percentage of your daily trips do you estimate are within the City of Whittier?



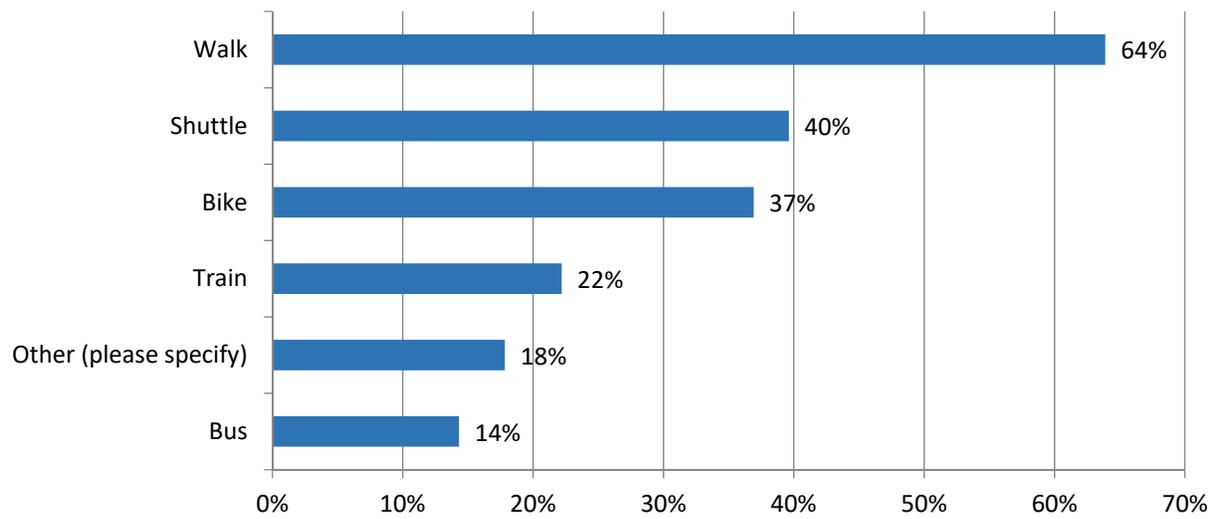
Q9: If you could change one thing about Whittier that made it easier to get around, what would it be?



Top “Other” Response (recorded by 10 or more individuals)

- Reduce congestion

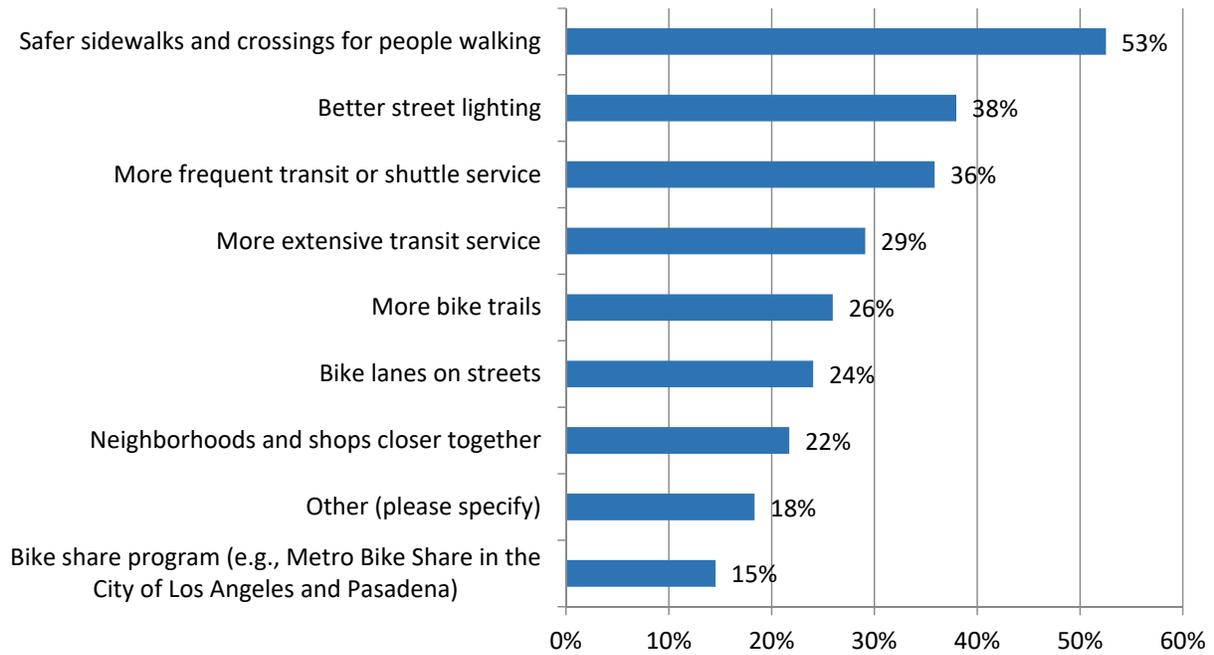
Q10: In the future, how would you like to travel around Whittier (select all that apply)?



Top “Other” Response (recorded by 10 or more individuals)

- Car

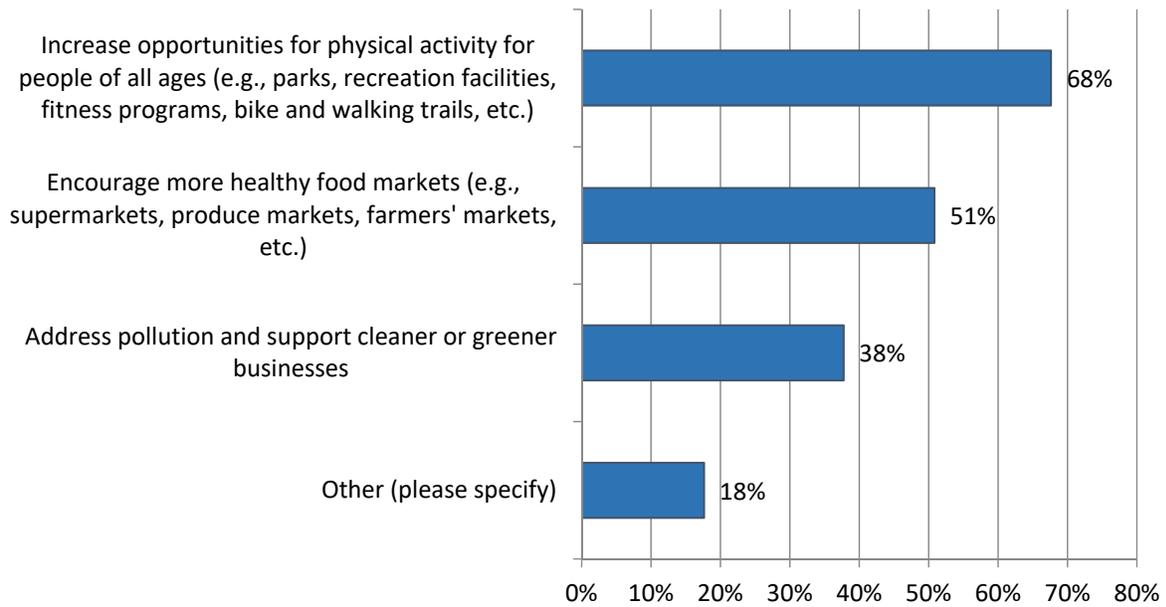
Q11: What would need to change in Whittier for you to use the transportation you selected in Question 10 today (select all that apply)?



Top “Other” Response (recorded by 10 or more individuals)

- Feeling of personal safety (e.g., homeless on trails, bus stops, parks, etc. are concerning)

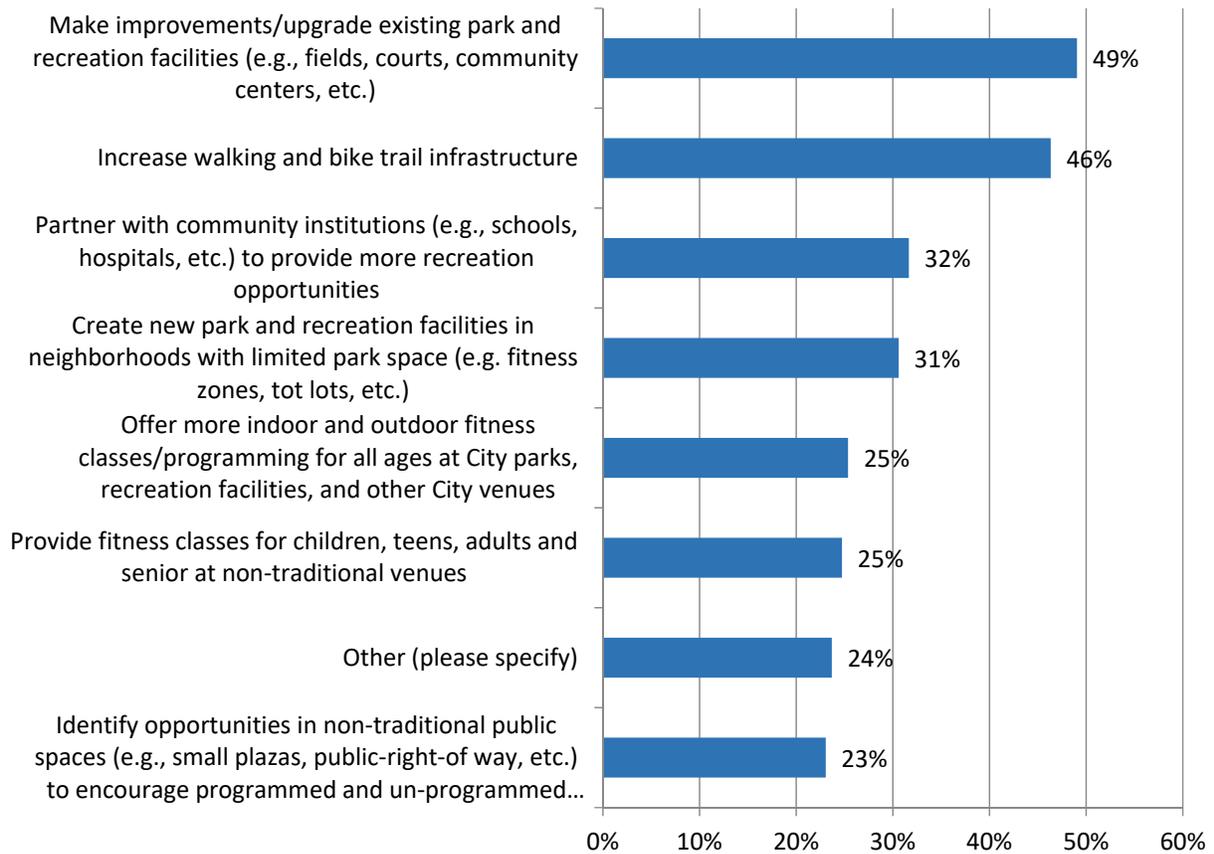
Q12: How can we make Whittier a healthier place (pick your top two)?



Top “Other” Responses (recorded by 10 or more individuals)

- Clean the streets
- Reduce homelessness

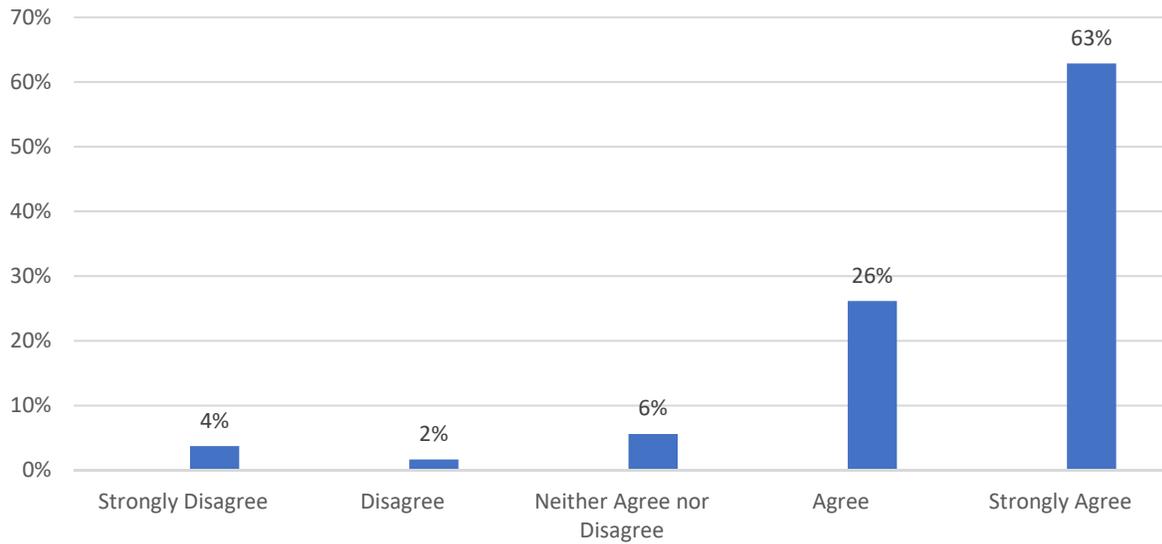
Q13: What can we do to improve our parks, recreation facilities, and open space so that people can lead healthier, more active lives?



Top “Other” Response (recorded by 10 or more individuals)

- Improve safety in parks, including by addressing homeless and drug user populations in parks and open spaces

Q14: To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "The number of people experiencing homelessness in Whittier is concerning to me."



“Why or Why Not”

Two-hundred and fifty-seven (257) responded to the second part of this question: “why or why not?”. The following statements are recurring themes/opinions mentioned by 10 or more respondents, sorted by strongly agree/agree and neither agree nor disagree/strongly disagree/disagree.

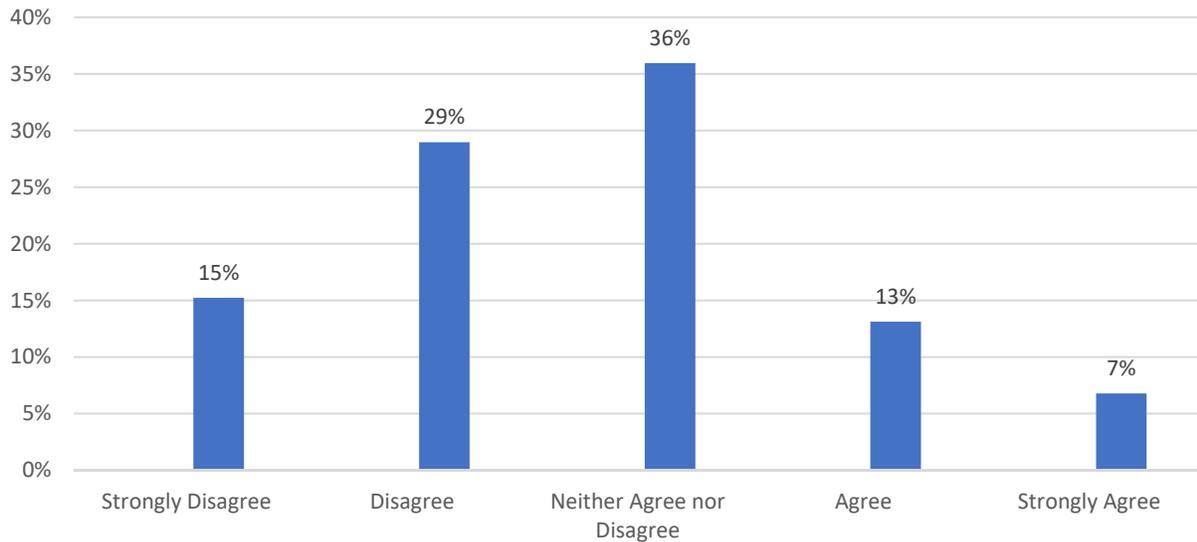
Strongly Agree/Agree

- Concern about drug use among, crimes committed by, and trash and hazardous waste generated by homeless
- Homeless population appears to be increasing and coming from other areas
- Raises concerns of personal safety, especially for those with children, in parks, and in Uptown
- Concern for homeless health and safety; need to provide and educate about existing homeless services (e.g., mental health/drug treatment, provide more affordable housing, First Day, etc.)
- No one should have to live on the street

Neither Agree nor Disagree/Strongly Disagree/Disagree

- Homelessness is a regional issue; not as bad in Whittier as elsewhere

Q15: To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "There are adequate affordable housing options and housing opportunities for families and seniors in Whittier."



“Why or Why Not”

Two-hundred and twenty-three (223) responded to the second part of this question: “why or why not?”. The following statements are recurring themes/opinions mentioned by 10 or more respondents, sorted by strongly agree/agree, neither agree nor disagree, and strongly disagree/disagree.

Strongly Agree/Agree

- There is enough affordable housing
- There is too much housing development occurring because it increases crime, decreases quality of life, increases traffic, etc.

Neither Agree nor Disagree

- Do not know enough to give an informed opinion

Strongly Disagree/Disagree

- Housing is expensive and costs are increasing
- There is insufficient affordable housing and communities for seniors
- There is insufficient housing that is affordable for families
- Housing is unaffordable in the whole region

Appendix A: Questionnaire Questions

These questionnaire questions were distributed to the Whittier community both online and as paper questionnaires between November 7th to November 19th, 2017.

1. What do you like most about Whittier?

2. If you could change one thing in Whittier, what would you change?

3. What do you like most about Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?

- Browsing the local shops
- Enjoying its historic charm
- Shopping at the Farmers' Market and attending other events
- Appreciating its small-town feel
- Going to the movies, art galleries, and museums
- Eating at the restaurants
- Entertainment/nightlife
- Other (please specify):

4. What is missing in Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?

- A pleasant walking experience (e.g., need more street trees, wider sidewalks, etc.)
- Easy transit access
- Well-maintained buildings
- Signs to help you find your way around
- Sufficient parking
- Chain/national retailers
- Places for public gatherings
- A feeling of personal safety
- A grocery or general store
- Fun events for the whole family
- Housing
- Late-night entertainment spots
- A diversity of shops and restaurants
- Other (please specify):

5. What do you like most about Whittier Boulevard (pick your top two)?

- Shopping at national retailers
- Easy access by car
- Biking and walking on the Greenway Trail
- Variety of options for grocery shopping
- New housing
- Diversity of restaurants
- Other (please specify):

6. What is missing from Whittier Boulevard (pick your top three)?

- Frequent and reliable transit service
- Local and mom and pop shops
- Housing
- Diverse places where I can go to eat, shop, and have a drink
- A pleasant walking experience (e.g., need more trees)
- Entertainment venues (e.g., movie theater, performance spaces, etc.)
- Activities for families
- Green spaces
- Public gathering spaces
- Offices and light industrial (e.g., technology, R&D, etc.)
- Other (please specify):

7. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree nor Disagree | |

Why or why not?

8. Not including your travel to/from work or to/from school, what percentage of your daily trips do you estimate are within the City of Whittier?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> More than half |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than half | <input type="checkbox"/> Nearly all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> About half | |

9. If you could change one thing about Whittier that made it easier to get around, what would it be?

- Reduce congestion
- Slow traffic down
- Improve sidewalks
- Speed traffic up
- Places I want to go are closer together
- Provide more bike lanes
- Improve transit service (e.g., reliability, speed, cost, or routes)
- Reduce traffic cutting through neighborhoods
- Other (please specify):

10. How would you like to travel around Whittier other than by car (select all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Shuttle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike | <input type="checkbox"/> Train |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

11. What would need to change in Whittier for you to use the transportation you selected in Question 10 today (select all that apply)?

- Bike lanes on streets
- Better street lighting
- Neighborhoods and shops closer together
- More bike trails
- Safer sidewalks and crossings for people walking
- More frequent transit or shuttle service
- More extensive transit service
- Bike share program (e.g., Metro Bike Share in the City of Los Angeles and Pasadena)
- Other (please specify):

12. How can we make Whittier a healthier place (pick your top two)?

- Encourage more healthy food markets (e.g., supermarkets, produce markets, farmers' markets, etc.)
- Address pollution and support cleaner or greener businesses
- Increase opportunities for physical activity for people of all ages (e.g., parks, recreation facilities, fitness programs, bike and walking trails, etc.)
- Other (please specify):

13. What can we do to improve our parks, recreation facilities, and open space so that people can lead healthier, more active lives?

- Create new park and recreation facilities in neighborhoods with limited park space (e.g. fitness zones, tot lots, etc.)
- Make improvements/upgrade existing park and recreation facilities (e.g., fields, courts, community centers, etc.)
- Increase walking and bike trail infrastructure
- Identify opportunities in non-traditional public spaces (e.g., small plazas, public-right-of way, etc.) to encourage programmed and un-programmed activity
- Offer more indoor and outdoor fitness classes/programming for all ages at City parks, recreation facilities, and other City venues
- Provide fitness classes for children, teens, adults and senior at non-traditional venues
- Partner with community institutions (e.g., schools, hospitals, etc.) to provide more recreation opportunities
- Other (please specify):

14. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "The number of people experiencing homelessness in Whittier is concerning to me."

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree nor Disagree | |

Why or why not?

15. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "There are adequate affordable housing options and housing opportunities for families and seniors in Whittier."

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Why or why not?

About You

15. Do you live, work, own a business or property, or go to college in Whittier (select all that apply)?

- Resident
- Worker
- Business Owner
- Property Owner
- College Student in Whittier

16. If you are a resident, what is your zip code?

- 90601
- 90604
- 90602
- 90605
- 90603
- 90606

17. If you are a resident, are you an owner or a renter?

- Owner
- Renter

18. If you are a resident, do you live in a house, townhouse, or apartment building?

- House
- Townhouse/Condo
- Apartment Building

19. How do you identify?

- Male
- Female
- Non-Binary

20. What is your age?

- Under 17
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 49
- 50 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 74 +

21. How do you identify (check all that apply)?

- American Indian and Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Filipino/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- White
- Other (please specify):

Appendix B: Open-Ended Questions and Other Responses

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"
I love the diversity of privately owned shops and restaurants. Whittier still has that small town feel.
That it is far from freeways, has a lot of trees, people are generally friendly, it has enough churches.
"Small town feel"
Abundance of small businesses, trees
All
All the beautiful trees and the hills.
All the good memories.
All the new businesses opening in Uptown. Great restaurant scene that is emerging. Love that the City is economically diverse. Public spaces! Greenway Trail and dog park.
all the small local shops. the way the city is built, the layout of it welcomes & encourages an actual
Beautiful hills, historic houses and buildings. Lived here all my life
Central location to LA and OC. Family centered community.
Clean small town feel. Mostly good people. Great police department just understaffed.
Clean, accessible, whittier has always been a friendly place with decent amenities and stores.
Close to everything
close to the hills - hiking trails, parks, uptown
comfortable, familiar and small town feel even though it's LA
Community
Community events
Community events
Community friendliness
Community, great city to raise our children.
culturally rich and peaceful.
Distance from freeways
Distance from freeways and the laid back atmosphere of Uptown.
Diverse, quiet community.
Diversity
Diversity, history, character
Diversity, location
diversity, safety, small-town feeling
events and staff, very good follow-up.
Everything
Everything is close to Whittier.
Family feel, smalltown feel, great walking, beautiful neighborhoods, wonderful uptown.
family friendly town like
Family friendly, the city council is relatively conservative, we have beautiful parks, the hills to hike, and the bike
Family orientated town
Family oriented, small town feeling. College town, all are welcome.
Family-friendly neighborhoods that have pride of ownership and a historical charm. Great small businesses, boutique restaurants, and community events that bring the city together.
Fifty years ago, as a child I thought of Whittier as a city of commerce. Car dealerships lined the boulevard, the Whitwood and Whittier Square malls, as well as Uptown were *the* places to shop.
Freeway close and not to far from the beach and downtown LA

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"
Friendliness
Friendliness
Friendliness, trees, diverse population.
Friendliness.
Friendly beautiful city
Friendly community. History.
Friendly disposition - small town feel.
Friendly faces, welcoming community, strong connection to its history
Friendly neighborhood. I like the old style uptown.
Friendly Neighborhoods
friendly people, local shops/ places to eat, historic destinations, the trees , outdoor hiking access, small town
Friendly vibe
Great outdoor experience.
Green, peaceful, old, GREAT PARKS; Magnificent wildlife corridor & open space!
Greenway Trail, Parks
Have not lived here long enough to point out.
Having the history of the past and families who have lived here for generations (including mine). The beautiful old trees and the Whittier uptown area and the hills
Hills
Hills
Hills, trees, Quaker attitude(but that's changing), History of Whittier.
Historic buildings
Historic buildings & homes
Historic buildings in walkable neighborhood
Historic character, walkable streets, variety of housing types, green space, landscaping
Historic uptown and newer chain stores and restaurants on Whittier Blvd.
Historic, parks.
Historical Aspects & homes.
Historical buildings Green Trail Up town Whittier Church
History
History
History/Historic City Green- trees! Mom and pop restaurants Uptown
Home town feel with decent neighborhoods and school but close proximity to DTLA
hometown feel
Hometown feel
Hometown feeling, trees, good neighbors
Honestly the only thing I like about Whittier is it's been my home for 31 years. Even though a lot of wonderful stores have been brought to Whittier, there's been an increase of homeless and thieves.
I am employed here
I enjoy that the neighborhoods are very walkable.

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"

I feel we have a community. Some of that is b/c of our hills and river that keeps us small. Some of it with our family oriented events. Churches and places of worship. We try to solves problems (homelessness, housing, etc...). I like that we want to make our city a place that is safe, healthy & areas where families can gather (our police, green way trails, parks, etc..). I like that we care about preserving our past (architecture) as we look to
I feel welcome, safe, at home in Whittier.
I grew up here, I don't know that I like much about it anymore, this question should have been what DID you
I grew up here. I have 2 young daughters and am glad I am raising them here.
I grew up in Whittier.
I have always found Whittier to be a quiet, friendly town.
I like how it feels like there are always new things popping up and how we bring a diversity to the town
I like living in central Whittier. I can walk uptown and enjoy the restaurants and shops. I also enjoy the tree lined streets and our local chaparral.
I like most that I can shop Whittier, done and play in Whittier. I feel like we know each other here.
I like that I know my neighbors, and my kids play with the neighbors.
I like that it's a small town with a mixture of new and old.
I like that it's a suburb of the greater Los Angeles area, but i also like the history about it and historic locations.
I like that my home, my work at Whittier College, shops and restaurants, and my child's school are all within
I like the city community events
I like the diversity, general safety, and friendliness of its inhabitants
I like the Greenway very much. It is a great trail. I like all of the community events that are held.
I like the homey feeling Whittier gives off.
I like the old craftsman houses, each one unique and different from the other, They are beautiful, and new houses don't have that same detail and quality.
I like the sense of community
I like the small town atmosphere
I like the small town feel Here
I like the small town feel of Whittier. Also, the trees.
I like the unique aspects to our city such as historic uptown Whittier, the Whittier hills, and the greenway trail. I also like that we are a tree city and love seeing all the trees that line our streets.
I like the way there is so much concentration of the family - their interests, their needs, their future, their
I like Whittier, but... I feel things are getting a little shady in Whittier. Lot of guys riding on bikes with backpacks
I love how bike friendly it is
I love how intimate it is, historic parks.
I love that I don't have to leave Whittier for entertainment, dining, shopping, work, or my kids' school.
I love the beautiful downtown area with places to eat and shop.
I love the close knit community feeling of Whittier.
I love the community and the uptown whittier shops
I love the Grrenway trail and the nearby trails for hiking
I love the historical buildings in uptown Whittier.
I love the historical nature of the town, and the sense of community I feel.
I love the old town charm. I love the old houses and lots of choices to eat.
I love the small town feeling.
I love the trees, the sense of history, and the beautiful hills.

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"

I love uptown whittier's charm and small businesses.
I really like how nice and willing to help everyone is. There seems to be a good sense of happiness.
I really love the many trees and Parks
I use to like the beautiful surroundings of a Quaker town; and the safety and tranquility it once was!
I used to like how quiet it was. I also liked the non traffic on Whittier blvd.
I would like to see it cleaned up! Beautiful little town but not inviting
Independent businesses
It has a small town feel. I love the hills and the uptown area.
It has a small town feel. The amount of no-profit organizations & small businesses, that suit the needs of the community. We have two colleges and hospitals. We have a police department that reaches out to the
It has everything I need
It is a family community with good schools with no freeways running through it.
It is a friendly town. People still talk to each other here. There is a strong sense of community. I like that we are not too close to the freeway, and yet not too far from it.
It is a small town with familiar faces
It is developing
It is familiar. I've lived here since 1951
It is my hometown. Not much else. It's gotten really bad.
It is the only place I know
It is the place I grew up and that it is trying to hold on to what it was. Also, the smalltown feel of it, even though it isnt as small town as it used to be
It seems like a small town in many ways. Most of what I need is here...family, church & business. Has been a community that reflected many of my personal values.
It sits away from freeways that it feeling more like a community than a rush hour traffic nightmare. More of the persons here are here because they belong not just passing thru.
It used to be friendly & low crime. I'm still trying to think of what I like other than my family still lives here. Oh,
It's community spirit.
It's quaintness
It's small and close-knit community
It's small town feel and centralized location. I can Get to the city to the mountains or the beach in the same
It's small town feel.
It's a nice area with a uptown area and a rural part.
It's a small community and we have no free way's
It's a small town and friendly. Everything is sort of near each other and convenient.
Its authenticity
It's beautiful and has rich history.
It's been my home all my life, and I'm very comfortable here.
Its hills and charming Uptown area.
It's historic factor and all the greenery. Beautiful architecture and good known businesses and great small
It's historical attributes
Its historical buildings, environments, proximity to other southern california areas/destinations
It's history
It's home

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"

It's home when I come back. Enjoy the mom & pop shops
It's home, my parents moved here when I was 2.
It's located against the hills. It's a college city. It's quaint.
Its my community! I love the hills, parks and close proximity to downtown Los Angeles, Orange County and
It's my hometown, I was born at Presbyterian Hospital in 1960. It's where I chose to raise my family, it will always have my heart. I love living here, everything I need is here except a good place to board my horse. For
Its natural beauty, trees and quaintness
Its quaint bedroom community environment. Shielded from freeways, it gives us a sense of homeyness and
Its resident and it community businesses
It's rich history and beautiful buildings and homes.
It's seem like a small city but in reality it's bigger than most and you can always find new things to do.
It's sense of community
it's size. The fact that the number of restaurants is growing, many of which are very good. And you can walk
Its small town feel and the abundance of trees
I've live in Whittier for 46 yrs and I adore the small town small community field
Ive lived in whittier for over 10 years, and for the longest time i loves the feel of the town. The history, the shops and the old feel of the city. But not anymore. The crime and homelessness has over run the city. La Habra use to be well know to everyone has the "Ghetto" Now with all that they've done its so beautiful and welcoming. Whittier is now known to its residents and to the residents surrounding whittier as the Ghetto. I would never move here now seeing what its become. Every corner i turn, tagging or homeless people.
Knowing everybody
laid back community. uptown night life. Restaurants
Laid back vibe
Like the walkability, and I have lived here more than 60 years, so it's home.
Location
Location
Love the boutique shops of uptown. And the greenway trail.
Love the houses and architecture.
mellow, family, home
More police
My friends and church are here.
my home and the library
My neighborhood is clean and quiet, and my neighbors are friendly.
My neighborhood.
My street is filled with good neighbors.
New developments
New restaurants - not chains
Nice family neighborhood
nice neighborhood, friendly community
Nice neighborhoods, good schools
Not much at the moment
Not much these days

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"

Not much, today the city has deteriorated significantly with more homelessness, dirty streets, uninforced regulations, back door permitted building, no parking enforcement, a lack of forward vision. Otherwise it's a
Old town community
Old Town feel.
Originally the small town feel and generally friendly people.
Our trees and undeveloped hills.
Outdoor areas & sense of community
parks, activities, close relation to City leaders and businesses and population
Parks, Hiking trails, and places for outdoor activities
peacefulness farmers market
People
People are very friendly here. Pretty quite compared to most SoCail cities.
people who give of time to make it a better place to live.
People who grew up here never leave, and the people who come for college, etc., never want to leave. It has
Proximity to Pico Rivera.
Quiet atmosphere.
Residents
restaurants and the events
Safe place to live
Sense of community
sense of community
Sense of Community
Sense of Community, with rich history, and a wide variety of businesses and services that appeal to everybody. The historic homes and buildings add to the appeal of Whittier.
Sense of true Community.
Shopping, medical, restaurants and churches close by
Slower paced lifestyle.
small
Small business community.
small businesses
Small friendly shops located in uptown
Small independent business, Hiking trails, Historic.
small size, shops, restaurants
Small tight knit community. Uptown Whittier is always growing with small shops, restaurants, etc.
small town
Small town
small town appeal - no major malls
small town atmosphere
Small town atmosphere
Small town atmosphere
Small town atmosphere - everyone knows everybody.
Small town atmosphere in a huge metropolis all around.
small town atmosphere in certain areas

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"
Small town atmosphere in uptown, good food. Tree-lined streets, old houses. Whittier College.
Small town atmosphere, friendly neighbors, safe community, Historic district.
Small town environment
small town feel
Small town feel (uptown area) but all of the conveniences of a city. And the weather is great.
Small town feel in a megalopolis.
Small town feel in the historic core; the Whittier Hills; the history; the people.
Small town feel miles from DTLA
small town feel with central business district surrounded by residential area
Small town feel with metropolitan touches. International cuisine, quality businesses, college town. Of course the weather in comparison to the basin or the valley. Cost of living is still approachable. Good folks in my
Small town feel, but lots of different people/ cultures
Small town feel, everyone knows everyone. Love uptown area
Small town feel, friendly neighbors, great up and coming restaurants!
Small town feel, great craftsman style architecture around uptown, and amazing hills where people can walk/hike/commune with nature. Love Uptown and the small restaurants and businesses that have set up shop
small town feel, trees, single family neighborhoods close to shopping centers
Small town feel.
Small town feel. Safe.
small town feel. Close to helman park.
Small town feel. Historic district.
Small town feel. Mom and Pop shops in Uptown. The Greenleaf trail and parks. The trees.
small town feel. Small business.
Small town feeling
small town feeling
Small town not busy.
Small town, but attracts homeless.
Small town. Historic homes.
Small, hometown feel.
Small, quiet town atmosphere
some nice places still left
Some walkable areas and general proximity to Los Angeles.
Sorry, but not much anymore. I have been here my whole life and there is too much cronyism, and now that our city is all Hispanic, all you do is cater to them.
Still has a small town atmosphere, but access to larger L.A. county opportunities.
still small enough to be a community. its still kept nice and has its own identity.
Strong community ties, family friendly, access to almost anything one could need... Business, food, shopping,

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"
test
test
that I know my neighbors and it's tight knit
That it is a city with a small town feel
That it is a City with an Historic sense of community .
That it's central to the freeways but not overly crowded...
That the historic district and the sense of community
That there are people of all cultures that live here.
The "olde" feel. Can't really explain it in 3 lines, but it's home. Home isn't loaded with industry or anything like that; whittier has a great balance. Only a true whittier boy knows why whittier is great.
The ability for a small business to come to function and thrive.
The ambiance, with charming period architecture and lots and lots of trees, especially the jacarandas when they are in bloom, and even when they are not they are graceful.
The amount of easily accessible nature.
The beautiful landscaping with all the tree lined streets.
The beautiful mature trees, parks, and established neighborhoods
The beautiful trees.
The beauty if the city and the friendly people
The beauty of the hills and trees.
The bicycle delivery service. Uptown Courier
The canyons and hills.
The city management appears ethical.
The close-knit community.
The collaboration and friendliness of the entire Whittier Community.
The college and the home like feel of the city
The college in uptown Whittier.
The combination of living/working/leisure possible in a walkable neighborhood.
The community
the community & people
The community and history behind it.
The community and how we look out for one another
The community feel.
The Community involvement and the art.
The community involvement and the progressive updating of the streets and buildings.
The community, people, and places.
The comprehensive community consisting of various new places to explore.
The cute old-timey feel, which sadly seems to be slowly dying as ugly new townhomes pop up everywhere and sketchy people have overtaken Uptown and the parks.
The development of new business, housing, and public projects.
The different activities provided by the city just like the spectacular 5k.a
The diverse and welcoming community.
The diversity
The diversity

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"

The established houses and trees
The families that decide to stay and raise the next generation.
The family environment, the little shops and that the locals hangout in the town.
The feeling of community.
the feeling of history
the friendly people the small size of the town
The greenery
the hiking trails
the hiking trails!
the hills and trails
The Hills surrounding the uptown area.
The hills, closeness to nature.
The hills, uptown, the college, historic homes, and the abundance of trees.
The hills,trees, historic homes.
The historic and quaint charm
The historic buildings and the people.
The historic homes and access to shopping/entertainment.
The historic homes, the history of the city and the small town feel
The history and its beautiful homes.
The history of the city, blooming flowers, historical buildings, the pride of Whittier.
The history. The uptown area. Friendly Hills. The Greenway trail.
The Jacaranda trees
The local restaurants and shops in uptown.
The many lush hillside neighborhoods with old-growth vegetation, and the sense of history in the Uptown area.
The Mayberry home town feel of the city.
The neighborhood
The nice Neighbourhood
The nice quiet neighborhoods.
The number of parks.
the old homes, trees, theatre, hills historical areas
The old time quaint stores
The open hills
The open hills.
The open support towards LEOs and the number of LEOs that call Whittier home.
The parks and biking lanes/trails
The Parks and events
the people
The people, the trees And of course Uptown.
The people. Whittier is truly ye'ol friendly town.
the physical environment of historic buildings which encourages Whittier's strong support of the arts and cultural institutions in a "small town" type setting.
The police officers are the best!

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"

The possibility that the uptown shopping/restaurant area has the potential to be like Brea, Monrovia, La Verne, Pasadena or other clean and well-tended shopping districts. The fact that the sidewalks are rarely steam cleaned and that the upkeep seems to be slovenly drives me to other locations.
The proximity to L.A. while still being a small town
The quaint atmosphere of Uptown. The trees and Greenway Trail. The historic architecture.
the quaint hometown atmosphere due to the maintenance f greenery and historic Uptown homes
The question should be what did you USED to like!! is going down hill with increased crime and too much low
The quiet neighbor hood feel outside and away from big city living.
The resurgence of restaurants and businesses in Uptown Whittier, the craftsman homes, and the trees!
The schools
The sense of community.
The shops and restaurants
The small community and Mom and pop stores
The small stones
the small town atmosphere in Uptown and the parks
The small town feel
The small town feel and sense of community
The small town feel that you know your neighbors
The small town feel within driving distance of a big city. It's a beautiful escape.
The small town feel, and lovely neighborhoods.
The small town feel, proximity to parks, nature preserves, hospitals and Greenway trails.
The small town feel.
The small town feel.
The small town feel.
The small town feel. Being a close knit community . Stop all the condo buildings. It is ruining Whittier with congestion. And puts a strain on police, water and schools.
The small town feel. The safety record and involvement of Whittier Police. Whittier has many eating establishments; from fast foods to elegant dining. The diversity of cultures. It's mostly clean. We need to
The small town feel. But with all these new housing Whittier is losing its identity. Stop allowing multiple housing units(apartments) and allow single family housing. Seems like every empty lot is being turned into
The small town feel. Uptown Whittier can be pretty great.
the small town-feel; the proximity to Los Angeles, Hills, and freeways; beautiful, well manicured properties
The smaller town feel.
the small-town feel
The small-town feel and the tight-knit community.
The small-town feel that makes one feel that they aren't quite in Los Angeles.
The small-town feel.
The social places like Greenleaf also known as uptown.
The strong relationships that exist in this community.

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"
The trail and all the family friendly events in uptown
The tree lined streets
The trees
The trees and landscaping
The trees and old fashioned feeling.
The trees and people
The trees and the hills
The trees!
The trees!
The trees, homes, and people
The Trees, Hometown Environment, Quality Establishments and Family Oriented City Events
The trees, the hills, the mom and pop shops. Police puppet shows.
The trees, the historical buildings, the hills for hiking.
The trees.
The unique shops and restaurants in uptown.
The uptown area and historic buildings.
the variety of resturants, stores, dog park, walking options such as greenway and hellsman
The variety of things to do.
The walkability of uptown and access to public transport.
The walkability...uptown Whittier and trails.
This is where I grew up.... 47 years ago
tight community
Traditional style homes Privately owned small businesses Food scene Bar scene
Trails and parks
Tree lined streets
Tree lined streets
Tree lined streets, historical neighborhoods, community events.
Tree lined Streets, uptown feel of small town but yet centralized city to anywhere in So Cal.
Trees Restaturants Nature preserve Eclectic
Trees and what uptown once was, street fairs, community.
Trees on Painter Avenue
trees, parks, unique neighborhoods
trees, people
Trees, people
Turnbull canyon trails and how relaxed the vibe is.
Uptown
uptown
Uptown
uptown - friendly people
Uptown and architecture
Uptown and it's small town feel.
Uptown and preserved historic homes, buildings, and preservation of our wonderful hills for people to enjoy
Uptown and the food around Beverly and Norwalk is great

All respondent write-in responses to Q1: "What do you like most about Whittier?"
Uptown area
uptown area...closeness of services
Uptown restaurants/bars/shopping, hiking, history
Uptown shopping area
Uptown Whittier
Uptown Whittier
Uptown Whittier
Uptown Whittier stores & restaurants, historical homes and the Whittwood mall.
Uptown Whittiers street fairs
Uptown: Old historic charm hills for hiking walk everywhere
Uptown's unique restaurant's & stores
Values it's History, Whittier Hills, good schools, convenient location between LA and OC,
Walkability
walkability, green spaces
walkable uptown
We are a small town with a strong sense of community.
We are a tight community and love the fact that we are surrounded by long time residents and businesses.
We like city officials who are involved, nice parks, services for residents, a balance of preserving the historic charm and looking forward with economic development opportunities
we like the family friendly feel with the parks and restaurants and neighborhoods.
We moved here two years ago from Texas. We were attracted to the tree-lined streets, nice homes and the secure feeling in the neighborhoods we were looking to buy a home. We like the mix of small to larger business
What a unique, quaint place it is to live.
What I like most about Whittier is the tree-lined, established, single-family HOMES!!! Please no more motels, apartments or condos! Thank you sincerely for allowing my voice to be heard.
What I love the most of Whittier is its incorporated areas, Hellman Wilderness, Greenway Trail & the Dog Park. I like the new shopping areas & new Police Department.
What's left of its small town atmosphere
Whittier College
Whittier College! But also the lovely walking community of uptown. The fantastic restaurants and other local vendors who are obviously deeply tied to the community.
Whittier has a small charm feel to it (uptown)
whittier has a small town feel
Whittier is a fairly large city with a smaller town feel. I appreciate the fact that many old/historic buildings still
Whittier is the perfect size for me. Big enough to offer a variety of things to do but small enough so that it is easy to know many people in your neighborhood.
Whittier provides an island with a residential focus, more ocean influence than they valleys but without daily coastal gray curtains, easy access to freeways and three counties but without the rivers of cats actually dissecting our parts, the jacaranda trees, the variety of architecture that now spans not only decades but centuries, homes and businesses with personality, the lack of a master plan of conformity, streets with organic you know where to go when you need something.

All respondent write-in responses to Q2: "If you could change one thing in Whittier, what would you change?"

Open-Ended Response

I don't like all the new incidents of crime and theft, the police really need to step up patrols and have a larger presence in the community

1.The small groups of naysayers who are allowed to make a big impact and stop progress. 2. Uptown needs attention right away.

A livelier Uptown. Find ways to make it an inviting and SAFE evening destination, attracting the community for a night out. More unique shops, sidewalk cafes, attractive lighting, such as cafe lights, Tivoli on some of the wonderful old buildings, outdoor entertainment.

A more approachable police department, actual accountability where officers that can not be civil and polite to citizens should held accountable! A system put in place that gets ride of officers with bad tempers and doesn't tolerate liars and bullies! A police department where officers respect the citizens and are not making traffic worse by blocking a lane of traffic for a ticket or purposely parking patrol cars in the middle of residential streets!

a weekend farmers market or more affordable housing or both!

accessibility - improve public transportation, sidewalks

Add a municipal public transit (i.e., streetcar) system.

Add a park near whittier and Hadley; there is an empty lot on the corner of magnolia and Hadley avenue that needs a purpose. The corner are lot with the laundry area makes the neighborhood look so rundown.

Add more police to patrol and see if we can get some gangs and homeless moved out of the city

Add more stores/restaurants

Add parking when you renew the uptown shopping district.

Add police officers.

Adding more art and bookshops.

Adding restrooms on trail

Address our relatively new/ recent homeless population issue.

address the "angry" people in Whittier; didn't have these groups 40 years ago

Affordable housing for Midde class first time buyers. And new homes but one level. Quad needs a facelift Better shopping options for those that live on west end of whittier by 605. Updated community center

Affordable senior assisted living and care facilities. Most of us have been here our whole life and really don't want to leave the community but need affordable housing and care

Aggressive homeless people camping out everywhere

All of the new housing initiatives. It's already crowded enough, and the streets (like Beverly) are clogged with traffic.

All the apartment and homes you are building.

All the homeless and crime taking over

All the homeless people everywhere you turn. NOT BUILDING MORE HOUSING WHERE NELIS IS!!!!!!

All the multi family housi g that is constantly being built, especially on the Blvd.

All the transient and drunks hanging around. I don't feel safe in the city anymore. Especially in uptown or at the quad. Now we have aggressive panhandlers walking into traffic with different colored T-shirt's. And we need more police officers.

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all the ugly business on lambert blvd, random pawn shops, old buildings that are not pleasing, they make the greeway trail look like an alley with the wall and back of these ugly buildings. the trail is unsafe because it cannot be seen by the street. Wish Whittier would tear down that wall, and the buildings and start over.

All these up and coming new condos, not everyone can afford a 2 bedroom for 3,000

Better and safer bike lanes on Whittier Blvd and adjacent streets. Fewer big-box stores. Better support for small local business, and harsher more strict regulations for slumlords and bad landlords. It was a shame we lost Half-Price Books. That should not have happened. Safer and better marked crosswalks for pedestrians (especially in Uptown and around Whitwood). We need to improve and widen our sidewalks (especially on Painter).

Better bike Lanes

better in-city transportation

Better mass transit options, improve the core uptown district, improve competitiveness of high school district, attract future proof jobs, appeal to wider variety of retailers (not solely discount shopping)

Better parking! There are so many apartment buildings shoved together and very limited parking options on site. Street parking is horrible! If you don't have a spot by 4pm, good luck finding anything near your building.

Better public transportation to DTLA. I use MBL express, and they are trying to cut the express line to DTLA out.

Better ranking public school

Better restaurants

better restaurants and shopping, more parking uptown

better shops on Greenleaf. Most shops cater to young crowd - clothing is cheaply made. Too many pizza restaurants (in Whittier). Cheesecake factory would be nice. Expand uptown.

Bicycle connectivity, bicycle parking

bigger uptown/shopping/metro district

Bring back the topless bars

Bring bookstores back

bring more businesses to uptown whittier.

Bring the Gold Line closer. Get rid of the Green Dollar type of stores and bring in a few more higher end stores. Get a Trader Joes right near the Uptown area.

Build a modern library

Build a parking lot in Uptown Whittier

Build more parks instead of building houses on every empty space of land

city council

City council,

City enforcement on blight

Clean it up, not sure whats happening but people dont seem to be caring about there homes as much, and the roads in nieghborhoods are falling apart.

Clean up graffiti window etching

Clean up the criminal element; grafitti, stealing and break-wins, loitering. Protect our hills from development.

Clean up the streets. I need to feel safer.

Clean up the uptown area and make it more affordable for new business to come in.

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Clean up Uptown a bit. Work with building owners to update their facades without sacrificing the historical charm. Bring in better businesses, more restaurants and options for liquor, not just beer in Uptown. Please don't turn into Fullerton. Provide a better option for residents to enjoy and unwind at the end of the day.

cleaner alleys and more precaution dog waste problems

Cleaner uptown

cleanliness

Cleanliness, and more diversity

Cleanup of streets and homeless, reduce crime

Clearing out empty buildings and replacing empty lots/vacated buildings with something.

Commitment to the less fortunate.

cost of living

Cost to live in whittier is high. My rent has gone up 3 years in a row. Bring back the night time family street fair.

Crime

Crime

Crime

crime

Crime

crime and homeless people

Crime rate

crime seems to be an issue. whether it be graffiti, theft, harrassment

CRIME!! TOO MANY HOMELESS DRUG ADDICTS OPENLY USING IN OUR PARKS AND ON THE STREETS. CHURCHES PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER WHICH JUST KEEPS THE PROBLEM AROUND. A LOT OF GRAFFITTI, GARBAGE ALK OVER WEST WHITTIER, AND COPS WITH THEIR HANDS TIED. WEST WHITTIER IS RUN DIWN SND NOT TAKEN CARE IF BY OUR CITY.

Crime!!! We need to feel safe walking outside or to the store without having to worry about someone running up to you to assault you. We're we don't have to worry about thieves walking around neighborhoods for something to steal. We need more police.

Crime, homeless, overbuilding.

crime, gang element, homeless, diversity, parking in uptown

Crime, Homeless

Crime, homelesss issue, code enforcement issues in neighborhoods,

Crime, homless

Crime, specifically lax approach to homeless-addicts/tweakers/loiters in all areas of Whittier. They contribute to: crime, a bunch of neighborhood trash, drugs, panhandling, lower quality of life, robbery, property crimes, and overall safety. Get rid of them from the motels, Central Park, liquor store on Philadelphia & Circle K -drug dealers are starting to move to the area to sell to them now and even WHS kids are selling drugs in Uptown now.

Crime. There are many places, including Central Park with my kids in the middle of the afternoon, where I don't feel safe.

Crime/homelessness

Decrease homeless issue and the increasing crime.

Density of people

Develop more housing and parking in the Uptown area.

All respondent write-in responses to Q2: "If you could change one thing in Whittier, what would you change?"

Develop uptown Whittier so it has the same draw, charm, appeal to all as other cities that have had redevelopment - sierra madre, alhambra, etc.
dirty sidewalks. transient pollution.
Do a makeover for Uptown Whittier in keeping with the vintage theme. Remove the 99Cent store!
Don't build up stay suburban
Don't build up, stay suburban.
Effective, nonprofit center for the homeless, pedestrian/bicycle access city-wide
Eliminate blighted apartments with owner occupied housing.
eliminate the apartments mixed into residential areas
Eliminate the focus on preserving historical buildings and trees. Change for current and future needs.
Everything closes way to early. I am a night owl forced to live in the morning. One time got a ticket for skating. Same night saw a fight.
Excessive traffic everywhere. Example, Broadway looks more like Whittier Blvd. Too many stops signs in every corner in residential areas.
Fewer apartment buildings in the old town area.
Fewer big box stores and more local business.
Figure out a way to get all the young kids out of Uptown after hours. No other successful 'downtown' areas have so many young kids who don't shop and eat in the area. Discourage so many candy shops/99cent stores from opening Uptown, it cheapens the area and drives away potential shoppers from getting out of their cars and shopping. Oh, and never let an ugly monstrosity of a building like the one at 6518 Greenleaf to be built again. It's such an eyesore, and an insult to the great architecture around the area.
Find a place for the homeless to stay instead of uptown.
fix roads correctly
fix the streets. I ride a bike every day almost to every part of whittier and our streets are bad. That combined with the speeding problem whittier drivers have.
Fix uptown! Humanely remove the homeless from the streets of uptown and get the help they need, making it more desirable to visitors and the average Whittierite. Keep the business free from graffiti and vandals
Fixing the uneven and missing sidewalks, and finishing the jog/bike path. Needs to be upgraded to a more modern environment (better for real estate).
Get busy on Nelles
Get gangs and homeless off the trail.
get housing and services for the homeless
Get rid of homeless campgrounds
Get rid of mosquitos in the summer.
Get rid of Residential parking permits near Hellman Trail and Turnbull canyon.
Get rid of the blight. Whittier is an old city. Sometimes old can be charming, historical, and nostalgic, other times it can be run-down and decrepit. How does a city with a preponderance of boutique stores thrive in a big-box and Amazon-online world?

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Get rid of the homeless & quit allowing the churches to enable them by giving items & feeding them. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to realize that's why they are flocking to Whittier. Other cities are not enabling so they move out & invade our space & crime has skyrocketed. Quit saying they have 'mental issue' choosing to be on drugs or being an alcoholic are CHOICES, not a mental disease. Drive through Downey, don't see any homeless? Nope! Because they don't put up with it while unfortunately Whittier does. The city would rather cater to homeless than the tenants who kept the city alive for years!!

Get rid of the town homes. The traffic caused by the additional people without traffic improvement is HORIBLE.

Get the homeless transient, druggies out of here. Clean up uptown area, create a clean safe environment. Right now you are close to losing this.

Get the light up cross walks for all intersections!

go more green

Greater freeway access

Have more events

Having 24/7 bike security in Uptown like they do in the different districts of Downtown LA.

High cost for permits and planning obstacles for simple upgrades to old residences.

Hire more police officers. Need to have a bigger presence to get rid of street crime

homeless

Homeless - brings crime. More retail that are big names, business & restaurants, more lighting.

Homeless and the rise in crime

homeless in the parks-children not able to go there gang like individuals at basketball courts, areas in public spaces-not safe for children any longer, more patrolling is necessary

Homeless people

Homeless presence in uptown. I don't feel safe at night walking alone and I love going to uptown.

homeless problem and gangs

homeless problem, parking

Homelessness

Homelessness

Homelessness

Homelessness One more, CRIME

Homelessness seems to be a problem in uptown village area ,and kids just hanging out at times blocking the sidewalks.

Housing for the homeless.

I am concerned about the homeless people and what seems to be a lot of petty crimes.

I can't think of anything

I have two, so I can't choose one. The crime rate has increased, so we're long overdue to figure out why people are committing the crimes they're committing here and find healthy ways to tackle that (prevention vs. reactionary.) Second, we need safe public transportation through Metro to connect us to the rest of the county.

I know that there are a lot of former criminals who live in the apts near uptown whittier which makes me uncomfortable to come there.

I like how quiet it is here but I really would like to have more ways for the youth to get involved. It would be really cool to have youth art collectives.

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I live in east Whittier and often feel like it's some frontier outpost.

I love the uptown area and I hang out there a great deal with my friends. However, it is my opinion that area does not get appropriate attention to safety, cleanliness, and care. It is very disappointing that the business owners are investing so much of their lives in trying to revitalize the area but they also have to deal with the dirty sidewalks, ill-maintained sidewalks and general riffraff. We need to do a better job there.

I think Uptown Whittier in particular needs a more solid brand identity. It feels that Whittier is in transition, but that transition has been stalled for years.

I want the city council to reflect the demographics of the community. City Council is out of touch

I wish more could be done to help the homeless population off the streets.

I wish the aesthetics of all Whittier would be consistent. West Whittier looks neglected compared to East Whittier.

I wish the public schools were better - NOT test scores, but lower student-teacher ratios, more enrichment programs, fewer iPads, more parent involvement, etc.

I wish we focused more on the homelessness problem and also the increasing poverty

I would add more bike Lanes and finally fix all the cracked streets in uptown.

I would change the way it is starting to feel unsafe.

I would clean up Greenleaf...literally clean it! there's so much trash and graffiti. Would be nice to clear out the drug addicts and strange folks who loiter around too.

I would clean up the uptown area, especially by helping store owners deal with the glass etching problem. This so turns me off and makes me feel better safe, along with many of the scary loiterers.

I would clean up Uptown, and make it a destination for out of town visitors.

I would create a complex and integrative health mecca on Whittier Blvd on the block where Polly's Pies was with advanced emotional, physical, and spiritual practitioners and services not commonly found under one umbrella with classes on health in multiple languages and access to legitimate naturopathic care, applied therapeutic yoga, and provisions for those with fewer resources to still access offerings. The WHO health goals could help inform the vision

I would decrease the number of drug addicts & homeless in the city because most of them are becoming aggressive if they don't get what they want & car break-ins are increasing.

I would get rid of the homelessness and lower end riff raff businesses, which encourage filth, undesirable vagrancy, and an overall degrading image of our Quaker roots.

I would have more streetlights by my house in historic uptown

I would have uptown Whittier to close later

I would like it cleaned up a bit more and more modernized.

I would like the Uptown area to be cleaner.

I would like to get rid of all the drug homeless people that keep breaking into houses and cars. Wasn't that big of a problem a few years ago.

I would like to see more of our apartments looking better. There are some that need paint jobs and just more esthetic appeal. We have a nice city but sometimes these not up kept buildings spoil our look.

I would like to see us continue to strengthen our WPD. More officers for increased/better coverage. I have begun to look over my shoulder more & more of recent.

I would look into bringing more officers in to patrol uptown Whittier problem areas. Bring back the bicycle officers. I know we recently hired a couple of officers, but we can use more officers

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I would love to the buildings and empty lots used more effectively. Tired of all the trash it attracts.
I would make downtown more vibrant and inviting
I would make it more friendly to the young-adult community. Whittier is a great place to raise a family, but for those of us not on that path yet, there is not much for us here.
I would make it safer. I do not shop in Whittier anymore because I am afraid to go to store or eat out with my kids there. I sold my home and moved away. Please stop allowing drug addicts and criminals to terrorize the city.
I would make the sidewalks bigger.
I would stop adding houses - brings too many people who don't take care of whittier.
I would subsidize and encourage the rapid development of Uptown along Greenleaf all the way to The Boulevard . The portion from Mar Vista to the Blvd. needs some help; restaurants, brew pubs, trendy shops, etc.
I would try to awaken in the minds of the Whittier population and officials the need for a better library. Our library is a dump, compared to others in the county and state.
I would want to see the streets/sidewalks more maintained. There are uneven sidewalks in various places and some of the sidewalks are very dirty and several areas of uptown Whittier smell.
I'd like to see more police protecting our streets and I'd like to see MUCH less crime. I hope our city will take a more proactive stance against crime by making police presence obvious. Feeling scared in my own city is motivating me to move away!
I'd make sure that all threats to our wilderness area (from oil exploration to housing development) disappear for good. I'd also love to see the Gold Line come to Whittier. I also love hiking in the hills and, although I understand the concern about habitat, would like to see back trails re-opened and slightly longer park hours. By 9:00, it's often hot; and it's often just lovely after 6:00 on a summer evening--not to mention that people work from 8:00 to 5:00.
If I had a magic wand I'd make the Gold Line come all the way to Uptown.
If Whittier provided more job opportunities for it's residents, affordable housing, less police presence, a city council that reflects it's community. Just to name a few.
improve uptown parking
Improved options to eliminate Homeless, betterment city streets and improved appearance on Whittier (ie Whittier by 605Fwy)
Incentivize some strong, national brand retailers/organizations to do business in Whittier. Ones that complement the values of the city and increase profitability/recognition of the City.
Inclusion of unincorporated east whittier
Incorporate east whittier
Incorporate east whittier
incorporate the unincorporated areas of whittier
Increase law enforcement/protection.
Increase the Whittier PD force.
infusion of cheap strip malls & stores
It appears crime is increasing: car burglary, theft, vandalism and home burglaries. I would like some police patrols in the residential areas.
It feels a bit dirty in sections of the city and sometimes unsafe. I love Uptown but sometimes I walk by poop that has been there for days and the side walk could really use a power wash

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It is a transportation desert. I would add a shuttle linking Uptown and other destinations.
It is getting too congested and crime is increasing
It needs a night life.
It seems to be getting more homeless, more crimes, more thugs roaming our streets. It's definitely nt as safe as it used to be.
It would be amazing to have a train station in Whittier
It would be great if there wasn't as much crime. Then again, it would be great if there wasn't as much crime everywhere.
Its zeal to add population
Keep "all" homeless out of uptown and create a program for them
Keep out gangs
Lack of investment in public spaces, poor parking enforcement in neighborhoods (with a lot of rentals). Lack of pride from city council in terms of what the city could be. City entrances from 605 are unattractive and reflect poorly on the interior; many run-down buildings along important arteries.
Lambert blvd at the citys edge by mills and westward to Washington. Beautify it more to match the care given to Whittier blvd
Leave hills alone, more open spaces
Less apartment buildings. More sports complex for the kids
Less apartments ... more single family residents!
Less bars and drinking establishments. I would like it to be more family friendly. More parking in uptown. I would also love to see more little shops, corner markets, businesses and coffee shops in the residential area. Like they used to have in the "Good old Days"
Less crime and more police. Get rid of the recycling centers that bring drug addicts and crime to Uptown.
less crime, more lighting
Less crime, more police
Less crime, more proactive police work. Push the homeless people out of Whittier.
Less crime/theft. Fire hazard in hills kids smoke weed in dry bushes.
Less focus on new building and more focus on improving all of the wonderful things we already have that have become sorely neglected over the years.
Less homelessness
less homelessness on the streets
less housing developments
Less housing projects.
less strip malls and less dense apartments and condos
less traffic
less traffic
Less traffic.
Less violence or bad neighbors
Level areas for biking
Limit low income become apartments.
Local government
Low housing communities. Too many drugs and violence occurring among juveniles who live in them.

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Lower crime
Make all Property Owners including apartment owners and landlords keep up their properties including paint and Landscaping, this would greatly improve the overall appearance of the city.
Make apartment residents park on their own parking spaces and structures and not park in front of residents' homes. If there are not enough spaces in the apartment area, make apartment owners add new spaces and structures.
Make it cleaner (sidewalks, streets, trash cans) AND less traffic, nee condos bring in more people, more revenue, but A LOT more annoying ridiculous traffic. It already takes 15 minutes to get from Painter to Colima on Whittier Blvd. It's going to get worse. Plus the small town feel is fading.
Make it more mandatory for people to maintain their homes adequately. People are parking on their lawn, trash in their driveway, etc.
Make the area around uptown more well lit and better, and fix the sidewalk bumps it makes it difficult to wheel things.
Make the streets, parks & alleys SAFE!
Make uptown more consumer-friendly (clean it up, better lighting, reduce crime, etc)
Many, for starters please power wash sidewalks uptown.
Mass developments coming up.
Mexican food trucks at different locations pooping everywhere around 9:00 pm ... makes Whittier look like EastLa
More affordable housing
more assistance for homeless population
More bike lanes
More bike lanes!
More bike lanes.
More bike parking
More bike safe paths
More community activities and support for community organizations for the children of Whittier.
More community events
More consistent upkeep in all areas of Whittier -- not just in Friendly Hills. For example, the west entrance into Whittier, from 605 to Five Points -- Whittier Blvd needs some serious attention. It is not fair that those of us that live along this corridor have to look at unkempt sidewalks, abandon lots, dirty streets -- while those that live further up (along Whittier Bl & Colima!) get to enjoy clean streets.
more cultural diversity, as a Latino, I would like to see a greater of different culture: more asians, blacks, and other cultures
More density through apartments and high rises without a ridiculous price tag.
More development of uptown, not just Greenleaf and parts of Bright.
more diversity please!
More effective policing.
More focus on community -- community centers, the library, Uptown Whittier, etc
More funding, and more police to protect against crimes.
more housing/apartments
More lighting in the evening

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More local shops for men
More opportunity for community events, gatherings, etc
More Parking in Uptown whittier, and more community events.
More parks
More parks
More paths for bikes. More encouragement of a biking culture.
More police officers! A task force to remove the homeless/drug addicts!
More police presence, especially in unincorporated area.
more restaurants, housing variety (also weekend farmers market)
More schools for smaller class size less motels Bring back auto dealers
More Security at night
More shopping in uptown Whittier
more transportation
More unique restaurants. No more new homes.
Move that 99 cent store out of Uptown. It was the worst decision ever to let them open there. It ruins the small town feel on Greenleaf.
Much less development, it is ruining this town
my car has been broken into many times here over the 6 years
N/A
Need a rail stop. Need to synchronize the signals. Traffic is a bare to get from one side of the city to the other
Neglected and abandoned buildings/lots
No more Apartments.
No homeless... better architecture ... better parking... fewer street closures!!
No more apartments. Only single family houses designed to mirror homes the 1920's.
No more building town homes. Keep the small town feel.
No more construction, no more apartments. We need more green areas
NO MORE developments, such as town homes, apartments, and condos.
No more housing needed, it's too crowded and traffic is bad.
No more housing projects - we have plenty of housing and are too crowded now.
NO MORE HOUSING. WHITTIER IS FULL. Don't tell us to save water and then add thousands of new residents.
no more motels
No more new developments, clean up Uptown area, add electric vehicle charging stations
Not much, thats why I live here. I would love to see more connecting bikeways for travel/commuting. The new bikeway on beverly drive is superb.
Not sure
Not sure
Nothing
Nothing, small quite community. It's nice!
older ran down empty buildings
over building losing the small town feel with corporate business
over growth - as in town homes, apartments
Overcrowding!! There is no need to boost population here.
parking

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Parking
parking for all the Whittier Hills trail activity.
Parking is abysmal.
Parking on my very narrow block has become increasingly difficult due to many adults occupying the same residences and some adults having multiple cars and possibly even a work vehicle. It is time to figure out a way to handle this situation before tempers flair.
parking, traffic, housing, and cycling lanes
Parking. Public streets should be for the public and sufficient arrangements should be made for the needs.
People hanging around and loitering... not necessarily the homeless.
Please, don't put in so much of this high density housing.
Poor traffic management
Population density in parts of uptown Whittier
Pretty open ended question. There is a brand perception (whittier being the brand) that our town is not safe. (gangs, crime) Uptown needs a police presence (maybe on bikes) and the city does a terrible job of cleaning the sidewalks and alleys. They always smell like urine. I do not take my wife uptown anymore.
Provide support services for underrepresented communities such as undocumented, LGBTQ, survivors, etc.
Proximity to freeways.
rampant buildings with no set plan
Recently moving here and wanting to become a part of the community, it's not very inclusive. People are unwelcoming of outsiders, "Whittierite" mentality.
Reduce apartments (and related crime) near historic Whittier.
Reduce crime
Reduce crime and no more multiunit housing built
Reduce crime, get the homeless who are drug addicts out of here. The homeless who are mentally ill, I would like to see the community support. More police patrols.
remove all ficus trees & repair the damage they have caused.
Remove motels! I have a lot more things I would like to change which includes, the ridiculous rise in gang activity, robberings and overall crime in our beautiful city. Please increase enforcement to preserve our "hometown" neighborhoods.
Remove residential homes from Whittier Blvd.
Remove the drug users from uptown
Repave the roads
resolve homeless situation in city
Rising crime and homelessness
Rising crime, excessive traffic, too many homelessness, and too many apartments and condos with insufficient parking.
Slow the growth of strip malls and high-density housing.
Some council members now with more housing
someplaces feel rundown

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Something needs to be done about the homeless people. Whittier is full of homeless drug users that commit lots of petty crimes around town. You know it's bad when you hear children talk about taking in knife with them for protection from the river people on their way to school. It is so sad that our children are afraid to be outside because of this issue.

Something to make it safer after hearing about a couple kidnappings.

Stop allowing multiple housing units(apartments) and allow single family housing. Seems like every empty lot is being turned into large apartment complexes!

Stop building all the Condos!!!

Stop building condos and townhomes! This city is overpopulated enough.

Stop building homes and focus on giving the schools a face lift. Or better yet open up closed schools to let children get a better education with smaller class sizes. I also think doing something about the homeless needs to be a HUGE focal point.

Stop more residential housing! The traffic is becoming impossible and dangerous. The stores cannot keep up with the amount of grocery shoppers. We are getting too crowded and congested.

Stop over development.

STOP THE BUILDING OF NEW RESIDENCES. TRAFFIC IS GETTING WORSE MONTH BY MONTH. THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS GETTING WORSE. AND STOP THE TEAR DOWNS OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS THAT GIVE WHITTIER ITS UNIQUE CHARM.

Stop the growth(density). Keep whittier a nice place to raise a family.

Stop the loitering uptown

Stop the pan handling & loitering uptown. Clean the sidewalks. Bring a good market back to up town.

Stopping any more awful apartments condos etc being built

Stricter rules regarding keeping up property, no broken down cars allowed on property and making Uptown Whittier more desirable to dine and shop.

strip malls and the inconsiderate people spending loitering time in Uptown

Stronger unity between areas

TAKE OUT THE TRASIENTS AND VAGRANTS USING AND DEALING DRUGS IN OUR ALLEYS. They are defacing, defacating and ruining our city- especially in Uptown Whittier. They are scaring away our current clients and potential clients.

Taking down all the fences around Whittier High School. Being a grad of WHS in 1970 it causes great pain in my heart to see it now. It looks like a prison instead of the most beautiful school in town

That there was more representation of people of color on the City Council and other city boards.

That there were less homeless people or people on drugs and substances roaming around the city. It gives a feeling of not being safe, including in my very own home.

The amount of homeless on he Greenway trail. Doesn't feel safe.

The amount of homeless people.

The amount of homeless\mentally unstable loitering in front of businesses

The amount of thefts and break in by people

The bias in city hall. Some are allowed, some are not. Permits and blue tape are a joke

The building department which seems like it wants to make life difficult for people rather than serve the public interest.

the building of condos and small businesses

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The building of three new model homes
The city council would be user friendly and event fees for non profits would be reduced
The crime
The crime
The crime & all the homelessness! Its unsafe!
The crime rate seems to have really skyrocketed. We need more police patrolling the streets!
The crime!
The crime, trash and disease (hepA) that comes with growing transient community
The crime.
the dirty sidewalks and windows in Uptown
The ever-increasing high-density housing that is being built, and the corresponding traffic congestion it causes.
The fact that the city is split between county and city. Whittier should be governed by one body with a common goal.
The fact that there are no freeways and it takes forever to just get out of the city
The homeless
The homeless
The homeless and lack of tolerance like Nazi armband proudly displayed in uptown store with no context or statement of what it stands for.
The homeless can be scary. Many are on drugs, or mentally ill. I wish the city could do something to change this problem.
The homeless community. How can we help those that are on the fringe or society?
The homeless issue which in turn leads to higher crime rates.
The homeless issues. I understand that homelessness is everywhere now, but lately, the homeless people in the uptown area are angry and very aggressive and have a tendency to be threatening.
the homeless need a shelter.
The homeless on the trail!! Not safe
The homeless people
The homeless people living all over uptown and other places
The homeless people, they need somewhere to go. And some of the businesses on Greenleaf have gotten pretty rundown. But kudos for improvements that have been made.
The homeless population and the gangs.
The homeless population. It's sometimes overwhelming.
the homeless population. patrol the greenway trail and uptown more to monitor and rid of them
The homeless presence in the park and greenway trail
The homeless problem that is on the rise.
The Homeless.
The homeless. They need to leave. We need more police officers and not a ridiculous library. I'd rather pay for cops.
The homelessness and crime
The homelessness. The rising crime.
the increase in crime
The increase in crime

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The increasing blight.
The increasing city taxes as well as water and trash ridiculous rates
The increasing crime, homelessness, and straying from single family traditional values
The increasing crime.
The internal focus of decision makers (Council) and lack of working on regional issues to make Whittier a leader.
The lack of off street parking in the uptown area, and the growth of apartment complexes with too few parking places.
The now crime, homeless taking over the parks and shopping areas. The houses that are totally not maintained, code enforcement needs to take care of this. Some neighborhoods are now blight.
The number of kids who hang out on the corner of Greenleaf and Philadelphia at night. it's a deterrent for wanting to walk through Uptown.
The over development that brings overcrowding. I don't believe the best choices were made when deciding what would be allowed to be built, i.e. The Quad
The parks and making them more family welcoming.
The punks that hang around uptown making it hard for families.
The quantity of apartments. Some areas mostly uptown area there is little to no parking to visit friends and family.
The recent multi unit housing development projects.
The restaurants.. I would incorporate younger hipper restaurants that attract new families
The road infrastructure.
The run-down areas of the Uptown Area where the homeless and skateboarders tend to gather in the late afternoons and evenings.
The still pervading Republican elite here. We need much more diversity and Progressive ideas going forward. The failure of Measure L is an example.
the surface area of uptown, more family exploring areas
The traffic and the fact that it doesn't feel like a close community anymore.
the traffic is terrible
The traffic on Whittier Blvd.
The transient issue and too much petty crime. I come from a so called bad neighborhood in LA but I see more crime here than where I can from as well as more transients.
The transit/Homeless that hang out throughout up and shops close so early
The type of shops and restaurants that are operating
The uptown area needs modernization.
The uptown area with its scratched windows and dirty sidewalks and areas.
The violence in certain parts of whittier
The way uptown Whittier is maintained.
The weather
There are way too many apartments in whittier, too many town houses being built, it's starting to feel very over crowded
There seems to be factions that hold us back from a prosperous future.
There should be less half way homes for the drug addicted. The needs to be more if q police presence

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There should be more community involvement events and the community and schools need to work together more to benefit each other.
Too congested. Too much traffic! I live and work in Whittier and it sometimes takes me 20 minutes to commute the 3 miles home after work. That is crazy!
Too many apartments and motels
Too many chain restaurants/stores, not enough healthy food
Too many druggies hanging around up to no good. Crime seems to have exploded
Too much loiterers in uptown, feels dirty.
Traffic
Traffic
Traffic congestion.
Traffic on Mar Vista - slow it down and enforce the GVW restrictions.
Traffic on Whittier Blvd.
Traffic surges
Traffic!
Traffic!! It's terrible! I end up going to La Habra or Fullerton to do my shopping as it's easier to get around.
Train to LA! Also a livelier night life in uptown. Evening art walks, live music...etc.
Transient problem
Transportation. It would be better to have a light rail or some type of bus system that connects south Whittier and uptown Whittier. There needs to be better information on how to use the current public transit that exists so that cars don't need to be used as often.
Trashy Uptown
Uneven politics/representation.
Up keep & in uptown, clean sidewalks, trash up keep
Upgrade the Central Library.
Upgrade Whittier Blvd.
Uptown
Uptown being sketchy at night, and the shopping scene in Uptown
Uptown feels dingy and unsafe in evening.
Uptown needs parking structures, better shopping & cleanliness
Uptown needs to be updated be giving it an uplift, or at least having the murky sidewalks cleaned. We also need to do something about making Uptown look more festive during Christmas Holidays. Many of my friends and family members end up going to Brea to spend their money because of this particular reason.
Uptown shops I might want to shop at. Now there ate almost none
Uptown to be redeveloped into a mecca of shopping and dining options for those with means that are currently leaving to patronize other cities
Uptown Whittier has great potential but it is dirty, out-dated, and invested with homeless and crime. The town needs to focus their resources to grow local business, clean streets, and create a more welcoming environment. It also needs to create more parking.
Uptown whittier, which lacks updating that the boulevard has had the pleasure of seeing recently
UPTOWN, make it walk-able, clean and a grocery store that serves the area.

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Uptown. In its current state is is awful. We live in Whittier and never go to Uptown. Avoid the area. Dirty, dark, and if filled with drugged pan handlers. Getting yelled at because you don't dontate to their substance abuse isn't fun.

Uptown. Our uptown needs a complete renovation!

Uptown. And I'd get rid those hideous condo/townhomes just put in. Gaudy aesthetics and they are too dense.

Uptown. Area

Vacant buildings

We are so disappointed by some of the attitudes of the residents of the city i.e., failure of library proposal, new hotel not being built and general attitude about minor crime. It seems there is no motivation for growth and prosperity.

We need better connection to regional public transportation, both rail and bus, and better public transportation within Whittier.

We need to help the homeless with housing and food. There are too many on the streets.

Whittier Blvd at the 605 freeway. That stretch of Whittier is disgusting and congested. Over development and too many people is ruining our town.

Whittier Blvd between freeway and Hadley. So gross Homelessness

Whittier has gotten too congested. The roads are crowded and all of the builds and influx of people are only making the situation worst.

Whittier looks old and worn everywhere. It needs a make over badly.

Wider bike lanes.

Wider streets

Would love to see the City of Whittier embrace the fact that they have a small college in their town that brings in 2-3 million in revenue from the students/faculty/staff

All respondent write-in responses to Q3: "What do you like most about Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?"

Other (please specify)

I have never shopped there. Parking issues.
All of the above are the reason I love this place.
all of the above thank you.
All the entertainment/restaurants. Cannot divide
bar hopping
Close to my home
Don't go there anymore, doesn't feel safe to me.
Don't like to go down there anymore.
Don't go there due to crime and homeless populstion
Ease of parking
Eating at restaurants including all the coffee shops
expand the uptown feel -
Gastro pub scene
Hiking in the whitter hills/trails
holidays
how much longer will whittier have its small town historic charm. People coming in want to change it.
I appreciate that Whittier tries so hard to keep the city clean.
I don't go to uptown often due to feeling unsafe. the
I don't like Uptown Whittier
I don't go to Uptown any more. Too much crime and the parking is horrible. I use to go ALL the time, not safe anymore.
I don't go uptown
I don't go uptown anymore - too many smokers outside - no shopping or restaurants I can use.
I don't visit the art galleries or museums but do enjoy the movie theatre on Thursdays!
I so deeply appreciate the mothering/breastfeeding/infertility support groups in this city! They have truly saved me!
I used to enjoy the movie theater, but recently too many homeless and drug addicts hang out there. I go to La Habra now.
I used to love doing all of the above, but I no longer shop Uptown Whittier do to the harassing panhandlers.
I usually shop elsewhere, parking is hard to find on weekends
Improved bar scene in recent years & forthcoming Brewery.
Independent locally owned businesses.
It has lost its charm and safety!!
Its college
Its walkability.
Looking at the undeveloped hills
My family and I use to like all of the above. Now with all the drug addicts and homeless people and robberies, we don't even bother going. In fact, we are praying about leaving Whittier altogether!
Never go, no real appeal to me

All respondent write-in responses to Q3: "What do you like most about Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?"

Not much else
Nothing anymore
Nothing anymore. It's over run with crime!
Nothing. Too run down by homeless
parks
People!
The history
The mature trees on Greenleaf
the parks!
The reverence to trees and greenery, in general
The trails
The trees. They make Uptown seem warm and inviting.
The trees. We are blessed to have our founders plant so many great trees.
Though I like the small restaurants, I think the city's emphasis on Uptown is out of balance with potentials in other parts of Whittier
trails
Uptown Courier
We are all a family, we support eachother
We need a bookshop
Whittier College
Whittier Community Theatre
You allow multiple thrift and candy stores in a mile area... why?

All respondent write-in responses to Q4: "What is missing in Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?"

Other (please specify)

1. Clean, well-maintained streets and sidewalks!!! It's appalling and a safety hazard. 2. Sufficient lighting - especially in the residential neighborhoods. Another safety hazard!
A better place to help the homeless - showers, shelter, information and access to agencies that are already available. This town could do SO much more.
A bookstore
A cleaner environment (sidewalks, graffiti, trash, etc...)
A face lift in general
A national retailer bookstore.
A respect and appreciation for what makes uptown, uptown. The plan to cut down the trees is the WRONG THING TO DO. CUTTING DOWN THE TREES CONTRIBUTES TO GLOBAL WARMING.
a safe biking experience, a place to lock bikes.
Affordable housing for young families
all the windows have tagging etched into the glass on them, its ugly. Not enough police presence
As a disabled person, it is difficult to walk Uptown because there are no places to stop and sit in the shade to rest before continuing on my walk
Benches to sit and people watch and to rest for we people of a certain age
Better infrastructure if the housing development continues
better law enforcement re: homeless, skateboarders, evening groupings of threatening seeming youth
better lighting on streets like Bailey more sustainability features: charging stations, solar bus stops, silat everywhere
Better places to shop.
Better sidewalk lighting when businesses close early.
Better signage on Montebello Bus Lines stops - No idea which bus runs where until it comes.
Bike parking
Bike patrol in Uptown Whittier.
Bookshops. And we no longer feel safe walking there due to the increase in crime, shady loiterers. Need more visible police presence
bookstore
Bookstore
Bycicle patrol/ law enforcement walking uptown
Clean environment
Clean environment. Buildings free from graffiti and less impact by the homeless.
Clean sidewalk!, Reduce and replace those terrible trees and that tear up sidewalks and leave berries all over the place and stain my tennis shoes!
clean streets, lights
clean streets: today, greenleaf had a urine smell
Cleaning (scrubbing)of sidewalks.
cleaning and maintaining the sidewalks
Cleanliness? Also we need some bookstores!
Close off Greenleaf to traffic and make it an open air walking mall and outdoor eating area.
Cohesive, welcoming feeling Good stores
Common areas to sit and eat similar to a town center
Control of the homeless population

All respondent write-in responses to Q4: "What is missing in Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?"

Crack free streets...with so much traffic we need better streets to ride/drive
cultural spots
Electric vehicle parking
Enforcement of a no loitering policy
entertainment centers
General maintenance, fix broken concrete on sidewalks, cleaner sidewalks, better lighting on side streets. A casual police presence.
Get the homeless and tweekers out
Hip stores/restaurants/ artist lofts/more charm
Homeless need to not hange out in uptowna
Homeless/transient element is a problem.
I couldn't pick just 3 since they are all equally important
I don't go uptown
I guess I miss some of the old shops/stores that used to be in uptown Whittier.
I used to walk to Alpha Beta with my granny cart. Now a car trip is non-optional.
incentives for historic preservation
Innovative Establishments like a Makerspace and Coworking Space for Millenials
It doesn't seem clean or cared for.
It had been over a year since I had go to uptown and when I did I was disappointed to see homeless people asking for money. It made me uncomfortable
It is dirty and needs to be cleaner
It needs cleaned. The sidewalks and streets are grimy. Why isn't there a police presence?
It was really difficult to pick 3 only.
It's difficult to pick just three. I don't feel unsafe in Uptown but visually, the district IS on the grimy side. I've seen people getting high, people hanging out while high, and people relieving themselves on the sidewalk while high. I swear...I've seen a naked butt on Greenleaf in plain daylight!
its not bike friendly. I have been hit by 6 cars in my life all in whittier. 5 were hit and runs, 1 was by a teacher at Edwards school, And one was by a church lady. I personally call them Mirror-make-up drivers. Whittier should be a safe place for everyone... do we really need a freeway on every other street in whittier. on two lane streets one should be for bikes cause all the trucks that like to mirror high 5 me... you know ill just stop. Ill rant.
Lack of security. Stop catering to homeless and drug dealers. NO VICTORY OUTREACH>
Live entertainment within reason. No reason why restaurants should not be able to have amplified entertainment.
lunch spots -- the really good places don't open until 5pm
More and safer bike routes, and better access to public transportation access for events outside of the city.
More dining options. We need it to be more like Pasadena.
More police patrols on foot and/or bikes
More restaurants and shops
More security for peace of mind.
more security. Too much crime
more street trees!
Need police presence at night especially.
New artsy things!

All respondent write-in responses to Q4: "What is missing in Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?"

Not wider streets or more trees but safer streets with good lighting because covered by dangerous focus trees that make sidewalks unsafe. Waking and bicycle riding police

Nothing

Officers on bikes!

Old Pasadena style shops/restaurants

Other historic cities have gotten the whole idea, sadly Whittier is not one of them.

Outdoor eating on wider sidewalks.

Parking at peak times discourages me. I don't like the difficulty of diagonal parking and backing out as I am scared by the visibility risks. My favorite stores left (bookstores, toy stores). The emphasis on events and street closures discourages me as a local at times though it probably brings outside traffic. I think I recall the elevators in the parking structures as being in need of improvement. I don't like the parking structures and avoid them

parks

Pet friendly spaces.

Police enforcing crude and reckless behavior, ticketing loud motorcycles, and making sure that people are not disturbing others by panhandling and begging.

police presence

Police presence

Police presence.

police walking the streets again.

Pressure wash the side walks and trash add more cans for waste.

Ring back FirstNightWhittier!

rock climbing gym

Safety when walking. I've been pushed by transient while pushing a stroller with a baby. Police were called. I no longer take walks. I live by uptown.

safety, more cops patrolling

Safety and be comfortable in just walking in our neighborhood

Security.

seemingly no police presence. too many loiterers especially by the Starbucks and the area by the Dollar Tree...clean it up! NEEDS A GOOD PRESSURE WASHING ON SIDE WALKS, POLES, BUILDINGS AND AWNINGS - THE TREES MAKE A MESS

Space available that residents and local artist can use at a fair price for the arts and other events

Street entertainers, poetry ... greater promotion of the Arts. Decorative Lighting Cleanliness (Sidewalks are filthy) Bring back a Used Book Store

Street lights off the main drag

sufficient info on street closures (should post online)... it is hard to drive to work and park during events

Support services for LGBTQ, undocumented communities, and survivors.

test

The earthquake was 30 years ago, but there are still scars. Boutique restaurants and shops are ok, but there's nothing in uptown to draw me in to explore.

The sidewalks are often very dirty. There are often "unsavory" people loitering around . The etching on the windows makes me feel like I am in a scuzzy place.

All respondent write-in responses to Q4: "What is missing in Uptown Whittier (pick your top three)?"

The sidewalks in Uptown Whittier are filthy and need to be power washed by a company like the way Old town Monrovia and Fullerton do in the evenings. I know many people who comment on how filthy the sidewalks are.

To many homeless

Too many wine or beer pubs, not a good variety of foods

Too much graffiti!

trash pick up - urine smells - homeless presence

Unique shops that one wants to revisit.

Up town has the capability of being a awesome area for families and the Community to come together for events. Unfortunately there's a lot of questionable people roaming the streets and that is why I never go there. I think the appartments need a clean up and should raise the rent to remove the gangbangers and drug addicts form the city.

Updated infrastructure. Specifically streetlights

Waiting for the Whittier Brewing Company to open in the Nixon Bldg

We need a crew to clean sidewalks and pick up trash in uptown. The area sometimes looks unclean and needs to look visually appealing to attract more walking traffic.

We need a quality bakery! Also, I want to support local small businesses, but it seems we have yet to break through into one tier above in terms of the kind of retail we have.

We need a Whole Foods or some store like that to draw people to the Uptown area

We need to follow either Brea or Fullertons strategy in making Uptown a place to shop or dine.

All respondent write-in responses to Q5: "What do you like most about Whittier Boulevard (pick your top two)?"

Other (please specify)

As the utility lines disappear from overhead and go underground, the city looks more inviting.

chain restaurants are not great

Don't like all the additional condos/housing. Nothing is easily accessible. No national retailers

Don't like the housing on the sidewalks

East side newness.

Fred C. Nelles Campus -- please preserve this!

Historical claim

I can't choose any of these options. National retailers are awful and we should focus on small businesses. There is no easy access by car because of traffic. The Greenway Trail is awesome, but too scary at some points to walk or bike alone. New housing should not even be considered in our already overly-crowded city. More restaurants would be nice, but not chains. No Applebees and Chili's and gross places like that. Need to invest in small business.

I don't go to Whittier Blvd often.

I don't particularly care for Whittier Blvd -- just one long strip mall

I liked it before when all the car dealers where here

I use to love all of the above! Now, I just want to sell my house before it depreciates in value with all the homelessness and tweekers taking over! We want out of Whittier!

Is the quad dying?

it's so congested I avoid it at all costs. You need to adjust all the silly signals. I have lived here my whole 43 years of l8fe, and it's done nothing but get worse.

Its thematic separation from Uptown

jacks

Lights seem to be better synced. Moves faster. Stop using MarVista

Main Access to city of Whittier

Nothing much

New and old changes

No more new housing please!

none

None of the above

None of the above seem to be true for me.

not loving Whittier blvd right now

Not much,

Nothing

nothing

Nothing

Nothing

Nothing

Nothing

nothing anymore, I avoid it due to rise in crime

Nothing, too busy

Quirky, retro charm

All respondent write-in responses to Q5: "What do you like most about Whittier Boulevard (pick your top two)?"

SHOPPING AT INDEPENDENT SHOPS
test
The banners recognizing the youth that enlist
The Greenway is too short. Make it longer please and connect it with the SGRiver bike way. The increased diversity of eateries is good.
the history.
The newer business buildings and retail space that is refreshing the boulevard.
This question and the choices don't make much sense. Whittier Blvd is pretty much a transit corridor. It's not particularly pleasant. The Greenway trail is not on Whittier Blvd.
Thrift stores
To much housing
Too much traffic
Trees
Whittier Blvd is extremely lacking especially Hadley to 5 points area. It's a homeless encampment
Whittier Boulevard really doesnt offer anything but Traffic.
You can find most anything you need whether it be grocery or retail shopping

All respondent write-in responses to Q6: "What is missing from Whittier Boulevard (pick your top three)?"

Other (please specify)

a better zoning code / plan so we don't have homes converted into business next to regular retail stores

A bookstore

a pet shop, make up store

Affordable assisted living and care facilities for seniors that are near areas where there are shops markets

appealing frontage to businesses

Architecture is shoddy... seems dirty

Beautification

Better infrastructure. Too much traffic.

Bike Lanes on the major boulevard

Book shops, personal safety

Bowling, roller skating or ice skating and hockey. This is family oriented.

Build something like the open restaurants and shopping they created in Downey.

Buildings that are left in disrepair.

Certain spots along the greenway are scary to walk through due to drug and gang meetings.

Cleaning

Complete the greenway

Consistent maintenance of street and sidewalks

Don't build anymore apartments on the Blvd or motels!

Enforcement of police officers

entrance to whittier from the 605 is horrible-dirty, too much traffic with 2 lanes. Porn shop?

Feeling safe walking along it

FIX NORWALK AND WHITTIER INTERSECTION. THATS A HUGE TRAFFIC PROBLEM AND BOTTLENECK. GET RID OF THAT Taco Bell AND GAS STATION.

From the 605 - Hadley cleaner sidewalks (get rid of the 50 yr old bushes on the side walk; open it for Bike path)
more street lights

General attractiveness and higher-end feel

get rid of, motels , low income housing, and halfway homes and drug rehab facilities

I miss feeling safe.

I often hear restoring uptown, don't forget whittier blvd businesses

I think Whitwood needs a movie theater and a high end department store

I'd love to have an art house somewhere nearer than Pasadena, but I'm not holding my breath. We have sophisticated food, but not sophisticated films.

In n out. Whittier should not have let this go. Would have brought money to our city. they went to la habra.

Increased safety and development of the quad

All respondent write-in responses to Q6: "What is missing from Whittier Boulevard (pick your top three)?"

It satisfies all my needs. Love Sprouts, Trader Joe's, Marshall's, and Home Goods! Thank you.
Its too small of a street for the infrastructure that Whittier is trying to build
Late night dining options
less chain shops
Less congestion, no more housing, and less signals.
METRO STATION.
Mid rise office space. Inviting streetscape from the 605. New upgraded business onthe west end
More attention to the west side. Encourage west side business owners to clean up or modernize there look a bit. It's the entrance to Whittier!!
More policing and enforcement of transients.
Need more Police patrols. I won't walk if I don't feel safe.
need to have some sort of adopt a block on whittier blvd as most of this strip looks dirty.
Need to improve traffic congestion
New things to do!
No more ficus or orchids trees! They are invasive, dangerously large branches, too big for sidewalks.
No more MOTELS. Stop those groups of panhandlers.
No opinion
Not having trees planted. Not having TIMED LIGHTS so the traffic can flow at a reasonable speed.
Park
Personal safety
Pet friendly spaces
Please no more ugly monster condos.
Polly's
Public Safety
Question is confusing as Whittier Blvd is a transportation corridor. It is not a walking street.
Restaurants and bars skewed to younger audiences.
Restaurants e.g., Northwoods Inn, more restaurants open for breakfast and open until midnight, etc.
Restaurants like Macaroni Grill, TGIF, etc. I was told that those types of restaurants will never open here because the median income is \$70,000 per household. I find this hard to believe especially if you can afford a house in
Restaurants. We have a lot of fast-food places but family style restaurants are few. Especially Sunday mornings.
safer roads
Safety & being crime free
safety along greenway trail
Safety! The hometown feel of Whittier is gone! Our beautiful Whittier is gone!
SAFETY! the walking trail is so hidden from the streets that it doesn't feel safe.
safety..rid of pot shop and motels
Similarity too Downtown Brea
some chain retail, limited amount
Some of the sidewalks and business are not maintained and are dirty.
Some sidewalks are damaged or missing between Five Points and Norwalk.
Sports complex for baseball and Softball
Street lights in dark areas eg between Hadley and Five points

All respondent write-in responses to Q6: "What is missing from Whittier Boulevard (pick your top three)?"

The city needs to create a plan to create better traffic flow.
too much development
Too much motels, it gravitates the unwelcome.
Too much traffic
Too much traffic with traffic lights that do not appear to be synchronized.
Traffic congestion. They need to implement things that improve traffic flow, like timing of traffic lights and not
Traffic is a mess so a plan to solve all the traffic issues
Very spread out. Need to bring community together at some spots.
walking connectivity - the quad and whitwood are made for cars, not walking.
Walmart
We need a Culver's - besides burgers & fries they have salads, sandwiches and dinners, ice cream (sundaes & shakes) - the best frozen custard which are made into special treats. See culvers.com
We would love to see something like In-N-Out in Whittier. I know the City Council turned them down, but our tax dollars are going elsewhere when they keep places like that out.
West Whittier Blvd -- the West Entrance into Whittier, from 605 fwy to 5-Points -- desperately needs to be upgraded/ beautified. Too many empty, neglected lots. Sidewalks are filthy. Along Whittier Blvd, from Norwalk Bl to Broadway -- olive trees make a mess and bushes need to be ripped out; bushes are so overgrown it is
What is the draw? What's the IDENTITY? It used to be lined with car dealerships and teens would cruise the Boulevard. Now the dealerships are vanishing and no new identity is taking form.
What's missing? Nothing.
whats with this repeated comment on more trees. the ficus are a mess!
Whittier Blvd. NEEDS to undergo a beautification initiative. Well-maintained and aesthetically pleasing buildings/shopping centers significantly impact the feel of a city. Currently, Whittier Blvd. appears outdated and,

All respondent write-in responses to Q7: 'To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."'

Answer	Why or why not?
*Only includes answers that answered the question "Why or Why Not"	
Strongly Agree	Because we have a first class police department
Strongly Agree	better area
Strongly Agree	Community member look our for one another. Healthy police presence. People are generally friendly. People feel comfortable walking at night without incident. I've never had any safety concerns.
Strongly Agree	Crime had increased in the last 5 years
Strongly Agree	Good police department
Strongly Agree	I am alert and courteous
Strongly Agree	I have known Whittier since 1976. While there always have been Hot Spots and a few random criminal acts , the systemic problems that impact other cities of almost 100K people are minimized by our policing and by community pressures.
Strongly Agree	I worked as public safety enforcement officer. Im safe anywhere i go. but i know a lot of people fear whittier
Strongly Agree	It feels safe to walk around whittier day or night.
Strongly Agree	I've lived in the Uptown area for 32 years, and feel safe walking my dog just about any time, day or night. Occasionally a coyote scampers away, but that's a natural threat--the kind that's actually a nice sign that we live close to nature.
Strongly Agree	just theft in neighborhood
Strongly Agree	Never had a bad experience
Strongly Agree	Not safe at all! Ready to move to Brea.
Strongly Agree	The area is calm and friendly
Strongly Agree	the Rise in homeless population near schools
Strongly Agree	you can walk at night and feel safe, not to much crime or - people that could possibly harm you.
Agree	A good police presents.
Agree	As compared to other cities, Whittier is generally safe. There is an upward climb in crime in general
Agree	Baraneas can get a little sketchy
Agree	Compared to most of L.A., I feel that residents and the police are vigilant.
Agree	Cops everywhere. Family orientated town.
Agree	Crime statistics are lower than many other parts of L.A. county.
Agree	Depends on what part of whittier. Uptown feels unsafe with the increase of homeless sleeping by Central Park and hanging out by uptown shops.
Agree	despite the growing homeless population & drug addicts roaming around the streets., most of whittier is friendly
Agree	During the day it's fine, but at night it's sketchy
Agree	Excessive on street parking creates a feeling of over-crowdedness and potential for unsafe conditions.
Agree	Feels it has become less safe because of higher awareness through social media. Wish more lights and security on greenway trail.
Agree	For most of my life I have felt safe. The most recent years I know petty crime is higher so you need to be a little more on guard, but for the most part Whittier is still pretty safe.

All respondent write-in responses to Q7: 'To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."'

Agree	For most of the areas in Whittier I feel safe but it is very easy to go down a block and it is run down and not feel safe. It is a mix near Uptown Whittier
Agree	For the most part I feel safe but I do notice more loitering of homeless and vagabonds in parks and dilapidated buildings.
Agree	For the most part, I feel safe. Maybe we could stand to have safety patrols on the Greenway Trail.
Agree	For the most part, Whittier is a safe town. However, the uptown area and the surrounding neighborhoods are not safe environments.
Agree	Great PD
Agree	Great Whittier PD. It all depends on the neighborhood honestly
Agree	haven't had too many bad encounters.
Agree	I am always aware of where I'm at and I have never had any issues. I walk a lot in Whittier and don't like to see homeless but they have never caused me a problem.
Agree	I am careful about strolling at night in dark areas, but feel safe most of the time.
Agree	I don't feel the need to be on alert in Whittier as I do in some of the cities I work in. If I go to a market, or Circle K or 7-11 late at night I do scan the parking lot to see who's around before exiting the car, but for the most part, I feel very relaxed here in town.
Agree	I feel generally safe but am concerned about the increasing theft and crime
Agree	I feel like the towns people are generally friendly.
Agree	I feel pretty safe. I pay attention and don't go to areas in question
Agree	I feel safe because I always see police
Agree	I feel safe but I am aware that many people do not feel safe especially in Uptown Whittier. I see many remarks on Facebook and Nextdoor that people do not feel safe in Uptown because of the skate punks and hoodlums loitering about.
Agree	I feel safe during the day, but the homeless population make it so that I do not go out at night
Agree	I feel safe generally, but I don't like the roving gangs of young people in Uptown.
Agree	I feel safe in my neighborhood but I feel that more lighting in uptown would discourage some of the smaller petty crimes.
Agree	I feel safe most of the time, but there are some areas that don't feel as safe. We have a lot of people just hanging out Uptown and a lot of homeless.
Agree	I feel safe most of the time. I'm normally in Whittier when it is light outside. Not sure about the evening.
Agree	I feel safe most of the time. Nighttime uptown can be a scary time as we seem to invite people into our area with some of the strange shops uptown.
Agree	I feel safer in Uptown, but not in all parts of Whittier.
Agree	I have always felt safe here. "Nextdoor" website is a great site for safety and should be promoted
Agree	I have lived here since I was 2. I no longer feel as safe or positive about Whittier as I did. The change came after the 1987 earthquake and the changing demographics of the area. We are trying to provide housing for too many people. When you try to crowd more people into an area than the area can hold behavior changes in a negative way.
Agree	I have not had any major problems

All respondent write-in responses to Q7: 'To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."'

Agree	I have worked in the community for almost 20 yrs. Have always felt safe in most locations.
Agree	I just do. I don't buy into the fear and paranoia. Whittier is a great city.
Agree	I know a lot of people here yet when alone I am unsure of my safety due to questionable activities from others.
Agree	I live in a good neighborhood with diverse folks and families.
Agree	I live in a safe area of Whittier, but poor zoning and apartment building ideas have created bad areas.
Agree	I live in a safe neighborhood and am not often exposed to unpleasant experiences, though I know not everyone is so fortunate.
Agree	I live in friendly hills
Agree	I read about experiences of crime on social media, but have never experienced anything like it myself.
Agree	I take care to avoid "unsafe" circumstances, and am glad to have good neighbors who watch out for each other. I don't tempt fate by leaving my house or car unlocked.
Agree	I think our police department does a good job of keeping Whittier safe.
Agree	I think we have most areas with good police protection, but there are some areas that are suffering economically, so there is more to deal with--hence a bit more danger.
Agree	I'm an older white male, so I generally feel safe, but I'd imagine younger kids may not feel so safe, from older kids to ghetto adults.
Agree	I'm originally from Whittier. Multiple family members of mine live in Whittier. Naturally, I identify with the community; people in Whittier look, speak, dress and act more or less like me.
Agree	in the daytime it's fine. After dark groups of young people uptown are off-putting
Agree	Increased small crime like mugging and window breaking, but I don't feel unsafe walking around even at night
Agree	increasing homeless
Agree	It used to be a place where you could leave a bike on your front lawn but now my car was stolen so not as safe as it once was.
Agree	It used to be safer but there's been a couple kidnappings, and a man carrying a machete near uptown.
Agree	Its a safe place to live.
Agree	It's all good.
Agree	Its not as bad as people think. The crime statistics don't lie.
Agree	I've lived here for 38 years and have never had a major problem.
Agree	Lately an excessive amount of homeless and I believe drug induced people have been wandering the streets
Agree	lately it seems like crime is on the rise. More police presence.
Agree	Most of the homeless population are harmless, but some definitely have issues and those few are dangerous. That's why I can't say I feel very safe, but safe enough.
Agree	Most of the time, however, I avoid areas where I don't feel safe.
Agree	neighbor experienced an armed house robbery 2 months ago

All respondent write-in responses to Q7: 'To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."'

Agree	Neighborhood Watch and a sense of preserving American sensibilities
Agree	not uptown at night
Agree	Other than my bike being stolen 36 years ago, I have never had a problem
Agree	Overall haven't had an issue with my personal safety.
Agree	Police care more about giving parking tickets than policing
Agree	Public safety are close-by enough/accessible enough to feel comfortable
Agree	requires ongoing attention to maintain
Agree	so far people are friendly! Specifically the students from the college
Agree	Some people may be bothered by the homeless people but I'm not at all because they're harmless.
Agree	some waves of crime. broken windows in Whittier Blvd.
Agree	South Whittier can be very sketchy at night, but any paranoia uptown could be attributed to fears about the homeless.
Agree	Texture and character sometimes come with a little grit. That's a fair price to pay.
Agree	The homeless population is present, but I've not had issues to this point. I will say that I spend more time in Belmont shore due to the lack of this issue.
Agree	The increasing homeless population (who have psychiatric problems) makes it feel less safe.
Agree	There are some parts where you have to get off the Greenway trail, especially the end part to gain access to the San Gabriel River trail.
Agree	There are some places that feel safe and some that don't. Places where a lot of homeless father don't feel safe. Uptown sometimes has roaming groups of young people who don't make it feel safe
Agree	There are times that I have not felt safe on Greenleaf in the evening.
Agree	There has been an increase in the number of police investigating calls and police helicopter flying.
Agree	there is not a lot of crime
Agree	There's some pockets of poverty/danger
Agree	Too many homeless people threaten or safety and breaking into homes and cars
Agree	too many vagrant types lately. too much loitering.
Agree	Trust in the Police Dept
Agree	Uptown and by the Quad often doesn't feel safe.
Agree	We are suffering from increased property crimes. I can't even get packages delivered to my home anymore
Agree	Whittier deals with a safety IMAGE issue. This is spurred by a SOME crime, homelessness and unclean areas.
Agree	Whittier feels safe, but there is not enough lighting, and the sidewalks are bumpy, especial in residential areas
Agree	Whittier has always been safe, but it sounds like crime, especially Uptown is getting out of control. Need bike patrols.
Agree	Whittier is overall a very safe city but there could be more security measures implemented in Uptown.
Agree	women usually don't feel safe in uptown
Neither Agree nor Disagree	We need more police patrol

All respondent write-in responses to Q7: 'To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."'

Neither Agree nor Disagree	A lot of areas are too secluded.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Areas of Whittier feel unsafe and dirty at certain times of day, especially sometimes the homeless population in uptown and further near the old Juvenile detention institution
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Avoid late night hoodlums in uptown.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	car gets broken into, houses get robbed a lot, packages stolen from houses -- more annoyed than afraid
Neither Agree nor Disagree	certain areas are not safe
Neither Agree nor Disagree	certain parts of whittier feel safe. but more and more those are going away.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	crime are higher then I am comfortable w/ and there is an unsafe feeling walking around uptown area once outside of Greenleaf
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Depends on setting. How do I compare friendly hills morning to a Beverly night?
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Do not go out much
Neither Agree nor Disagree	During the daytime, it's okay. But this town is not well lit at night, and our police department is seriously understaffed.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Especially at night, I feel concerned for my safety based off many recent events, whether it be shootings, car break-ins, etc.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	For the most part I feel safe, but crime seems to be increasing.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Generally it is as safe as anywhere else, but we really need better access to police officers. The response time for Norwalk Sheriff is poor, and the nightly cherry bombs and fireworks are out of control. We need police to enforce existing laws and patrol our streets. No more additional housing until we have more police protection.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	generally yes but the speed limit is to fast at my house
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Homeless population is not addressed well whatsoever.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I bike home at night, and lots of drivers drive very fast and without headlights on. Also, walking around Uptown late at night doesn't seem like the best idea.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't feel unsafe however I have a security door & cameras do to the crime that has been in the city
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I feel homelessness is a safety issue in Whittier.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I feel safe at home but I'm seeing opportunity crime, home invasions, car to car shootings and a recent murder of our officer within city limits
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I feel safe during the day but at night I would never dare walk west or south of uptown Whittier alone or in a small group.

All respondent write-in responses to Q7: 'To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."'

Neither Agree nor Disagree	I feel safe on my street, but not Uptown or on Painter Ave.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I have compassion for homeless but none for drug addicts, tweakers, criminals or gang bangers. Would love to see and be involved in a group of anonymous vigilantes taking our City back and driving the scum out of Whittier.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I have just been noticing more and more homeless people drinking and strung out on drugs more and more people that don't give a rats ass about anything
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I have never felt unsafe, but I am aware that questionable events are happening nearby.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I have not personally experienced crime but I certainly read about a great deal of crime in Whittier on social media. Because of that, I try to be very cautious.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I live in a high crime area but I know going east is a lot safer. Dense housing is a problem when you factor in who lives in these communities.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I live off of Whittier Blvd in East Whittier on a rather large street (Bogardus Ave.), and people drive so fast, and abandon their cars, and the alley behind Lascari's is so poorly maintained when it should be an emergency lane. So unsafe.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I might say perhaps its normal or even less that surrounding cities, but if i'm walking around uptown especially at night, i feel extra worried.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I own a business and am vandalized weekly. I have not been personally threatened but it can't be far behind with the amount of destruction of property that takes place
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I think that the feeling of "danger" is overblown in Uptown by petty crimes like graffiti, window etching, and obnoxious skaters.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I think we are living in a strange time. I don't feel safe anywhere.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I used to feel safe in Whittier, but the amount of crime in our city has increased dramatically recently and it is starting to concern me in terms of safety.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I used to feel safer than I have recently. I can't say why.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I used to feel very safe, and I still do to a certain extent in my home or in public areas. There is more and more of an influx of crime and vandalism.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I usually feel safe, but sometimes things happen.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I was recently talking to a co-worker who said that " you live in whittier, that's in the ghetto!" I was quite shocked by the comment.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	It depends on what part of Whittier we are talking about
Neither Agree nor Disagree	It depends on where in Whittier. I live in the historic part of Whittier and generally feel safe here. But I don't like walking around Uptown by myself at night.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	It really depends on the area. I allow my teens to go near the Whitwood but not near uptown.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I've never felt threatened per se but I also don't go out alone at night.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Lot of police activity as of lately, especially around Uptown

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Neither Agree nor Disagree	Lots of car break in and increase number of homeless people
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Nothing's happened to me, but I'm aware of how much crime goes on in the city. I feel like it's just a matter of time before I run out of luck.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Our town has changed , people have changed, community unity has changed.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	People here freak out about minor crime. It surprises us that there is such a vigilante attitude. I got lost on the way home while walking my dog one afternoon. A lady ran out of her home and started taking pictures. I suppose I ended up on some neighborhood social media site. I see the same attitude on the neighborhood site My family has joined.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	police are there when there is an issue, but there is not enough police "presence" to deter crime.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	robberies, killings
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Some areas feel safer than others.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Some areas o don't feel safe specially at night.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Some areas, while probably safe, don't look or feel safe.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	some of the population
Neither Agree nor Disagree	test
Neither Agree nor Disagree	The climate in which there are more low level criminals makes a big difference in which we see our community feeling prey to them.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	The relatively new issues associated with the homeless population, has not been actively addressed (ex mental illness, drug addiction/ use, lack of housing/ social services, and related issues)
Neither Agree nor Disagree	There are a lot more people in the past few years roaming the streets causing trouble.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	There are definitely safer areas and less safe areas.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	There is a an obvious uptick in crime. There is a significant homeless problem. Lots of speeding cars. I almost never see police.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	theft
Neither Agree nor Disagree	to many homeless/drug users
Neither Agree nor Disagree	To many Homless and criminal activity has doubled
Neither Agree nor Disagree	To much crime.

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Neither Agree nor Disagree	Too much crime in uptown and west whittier
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Uptown Whittier is getting pretty bad and I walk to school everyday
Neither Agree nor Disagree	We definitely have more crime in the last few years. I have lived in the same neighborhood for 40 years and know it has changed. The recent propositions for prison realignment didn't help. However I still feel generally safe. Speaking with officers, I know it is definitely an issue that needs to be addressed. Hopefully our congressmen and senators will continue to try to change those laws.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	We experience a devastating break-in at our home last year.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Whittier PD is omnipresent which provides a sense of safety - no problem there. What reduces the sense of safety is the blight - abandoned buildings, empty lots, not a lot of people around, businesses closed for the evening, transients come out at night, etc.
Disagree	Too many career criminals and drug addicts walking around looking for something to steal. Need more community policing.
Disagree	As I stated before I am born and raised in this city. Unfortunately there's been a huge increase of homeless and questionable people.
Disagree	At night specifically I do not feel safe. I feel like all the bad people come out and up the street
Disagree	Because it isn't safe anymore
Disagree	Because it isn't, but this is a national problem.
Disagree	Cholos, homeless, people that hang out at the 7-elevens
Disagree	City is slowly turning into a catch all for homeless and criminal element.
Disagree	Creeps on the trail. Burgelers both business and residential. Nothing being done about theft off our front pouches.
Disagree	Crime
Disagree	Crime appears to have increased.
Disagree	Crime rate and transients
Disagree	Crime rate has gone up because they are releasing more criminals and more homeless are living here.
Disagree	crime-people from other places on the rise.
Disagree	depends on where but generally no. A lot of homeless (which is fine but get away with a lot), people going through trash, drug addicts hanging out at liquor stores and alleys
Disagree	Depends where you go. Uptown sometimes a bit sketchy. Whittwood area safer but boring
Disagree	homeless issue
Disagree	Homeless panhandling and the youth with no respect.
Disagree	Homeless, mental homeless, and a lot of crime! Adding lights to the trail will definitely help with getting them off the trails!
Disagree	homelessness, people with mental disabilities near my business.

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Disagree	I am a member of the Facebook Whittier Neighborhood Watch group, as well as the Next Door app and my newsfeed is constantly being updated with violent crime related posts.
Disagree	I do not feel safe in Whittier. I'm a runner and there are Too many junkies and homeless on the trail. Too many car brake-ins & Uptown is infested with rude, aggressive, stinky homeless. Who wants to visit a town like that?
Disagree	I don't feel safe here anymore. I have lived here my entire life (40 years) and dread going out after dark by myself. The parking lots in Uptown are scary, and so are the alleys. I get approached by panhandlers in parking lots. People get shot right by my house. It is just really scary.
Disagree	I feel less safe when WPD consistently stares at me and other people of color in the community. Whittier can keep us safe by investing in the community and not criminalizing the people in the community.
Disagree	I feel safe in my neighborhood in East Whittier, however, as I travel west towards the city center, there is much more traffic, less parking, especially in Uptown. If I have to park on a local street other than Greenleaf or Philadelphia, I go somewhere else.
Disagree	I have noticed an increase in crime and homelessness.
Disagree	I hear & read about the nuisance crimes to property and find it sad. Our low level criminals seem to be druggies looking for easy ways/targets to enable them to keep up their habits. Our mentally ill homeless don't go away because they need help and there is little. They are often violent and I have had personal encounters with them in an area of Whittier where I go frequently. So far it seems that a lot of our crime in Whittier are crimes of opportunity. It gets wearisome having to work so hard to prevent "opportunity!"
Disagree	I live above uptown. Crime is at its highest.
Disagree	I read about the crime and see how selfish some folks can be.
Disagree	I think Whittier is changing as I said before there is more crime. Our car was broken into in our driveway. Police said calls in our area are rare. However the next week I saw another reported in the same area. Two of my neighbors relocated. I see police presence on Whittier but rarely in the residential neighborhoods.
Disagree	I used to be able to walk around at night alone. I now can't do that, and that's happened in the last five years.
Disagree	I used to feel much safer, lately, due to the homeless issues, not so much.
Disagree	I used to feel safe until about 2 years ago, seems like much more crime lately
Disagree	I used to feel very safe, but now with the vagrant population, and the rise in crime, I don't go out in Whittier as much. I end up in Brea or Downtown Disney because it feels safer.
Disagree	In the 46 years of living in Whittier as of late I've seen - murder or people with guns
Disagree	In Uptown it's because of the hooligans who hang out and are not ushered on their way. Throughout Whittier it is uncomfortable to encounter so many homeless people who are hanging out in vacant buildings, in alleys and at parks.
Disagree	Increase in theft and other crimes in my area

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Disagree	increase of crime. It appears that Whittier has become a city where those with bad intentions come, do their dirty work and leave. Bravo to whittier p.d. in all of their efforts
Disagree	It could be safer- the gangs and angry homeless population
Disagree	IT WAS SAFE 3-10 YEARS AGO BUT NOT NOW. TOO MANY HOMELESS ADDICTS ROAMING IN BIKES SCOPING OUT OUR HOMES AND CARS.
Disagree	I've been robbed at gunpoint in Whittier. There is known gang activity at Penn Park. Many places are not well lit for late night walking/getting around.
Disagree	I've had drug addicts and homeless come onto my property. They have stolen from me and my neighbor. I rarely walk in Uptown anymore because I no longer feel safe.
Disagree	Lots of crime, drug addicts. Wish there was more City resources for homeless/addicts
Disagree	Lots of homeless and lots of loitering especially along GreenLeaf in uptown. Insufficient lighting along that same route at night.
Disagree	Many homeless were living in the abandoned house next door to me. I no longer leave my teenage children at home alone. City doesn't do enough about blight
Disagree	Many years ago felt safe. That has changed. Thinking of getting a home alarm system.
Disagree	My family and I used to enjoy the greenway trail and now it has become an unsafe place. Also, the homeless situation is getting out of control.
Disagree	My house got rope before
Disagree	My two sons were beat up while walking past a bar on greenleaf a few years ago. And I do not feel that the whittier police did a good job of pursuing the evidence to find those who committed the crime. I do not enjoy walking on greenleaf at night. It does not have a feel of a safe, family friend place.
Disagree	Not enough police presence
Disagree	Not enough police presence, transients living in the abandon buildings and abandon lots left over from vacant motels and closed down car dealerships.
Disagree	Not too much of a police presence, especially in unincorporated parts
Disagree	Panhandling/Homeless
Disagree	Rising crime such as robberies (stolen packages from our homes, too many homelessness and high traffic
Disagree	The crime and homeless situation has gotten markedly worse in recent months
Disagree	The homeless and the groups of teenagers just hanging around
Disagree	The increase in criminal activity, drugs and unpredictable homeless that are ether on drugs or have a mental issue. There are lots of parolees from prison staying at the Whittier Budget Inn and a drug problem where my mother doesn't feel safe going for a walk during the evening because she has had homeless people and people on drugs cursing her out.
Disagree	The issue with homeless people occupying parks, uptown area, and greenway trail is a problem for safety. I refuse to take my kids to the park or walk my dog on the trail any more it's too risky. Also there is very little police presence unless specifically called.

All respondent write-in responses to Q7: 'To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."'

Disagree	The loiterers and vagrants are often using filthy language and standing around blocking the sidewalk or in alcoves. I have taken my children to the park and had to leave because of their boisterous cussing. ??
Disagree	The number of thefts that happen. I was walking to the bus one morning and happen to walk up as someone was trying to break into a Honda on Beverly blvd. I don't feel safe if I don't have my gates chained and locked and my house locked.
Disagree	The sound of police helicopters hovering. The increasingly violent crimes reported, including car hijacking, assault with a deadly weapon, and breaking & entering. Also, the increase in reports of packages stolen from front porches and mailboxes makes you feel like you're not safe in your own home.
Disagree	The Uptown area does not feel safe to walk around -- especially at night. There are groups of younger people that are not welcoming and, during the day, many people loitering around shops and on sidewalks. To the south of Uptown, the news has constant reminders of how unsafe the area is with gang and other illegal activity.
Disagree	There are a lot of homeless out and about. Parnell park has a huge population there everyday.
Disagree	There are far too many mentally unstable individuals that loiter at public places or congregate in alleys going through the garbage. I think its very concerning there isn't much PD can do. And I personally have been victim to an attempted break in.
Disagree	There are homeless and intimidating men and groups of males uptown.
Disagree	There are many unsafe areas and new laws keep criminals on the streets. So many homeless people which brings in drugs, theft, and a feeling of not being safe.
Disagree	There are more homeless and riff raff that ever before. I constantly feel unsafe in a town I have lived in for 37 years.
Disagree	There are too many homeless. Also, with the new developments happening in Whittier, there is more crime and road rage.
Disagree	There are vagrant and homeless people everywhere. Petty crime in our neighborhoods. Freeway off ramps aren't safe. Encampments. Vandalism uptown. Stop the handouts and they will go away.
Disagree	There is a lot of crime, panhandlers, and drug use.
Disagree	There seemingly has been an increase of crime or gang activity. The area west of painter is embarrassing and scary with too many gangs and RENTERS.
Disagree	There seems to be a criminal element. I attribute this to the fact that Whittier and Washington are major streets traveled by all sorts of people. Yet there is no police presence to enforce laws
Disagree	There's a lot of drugs running through schools & gangs.
Disagree	there's to many loiters
Disagree	to many bad things happening in.
Disagree	To many drug addicts breaking into cars and stealing mail.
Disagree	To many homeless gang - type thugs.
Disagree	to many homeless! Especially when they are doing drugs at our parks
Disagree	Too many homeless and the increased (at least perception) presence of gangs.
Disagree	Too many homeless people and too many "thugs" hanging out in the parks.

All respondent write-in responses to Q7: 'To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "I feel safe in Whittier."'

Disagree	Too many transients roaming around. As much as I love this city, I do not feel comfortable walking around uptown, the greenway trail, or going to the parks with my children.
Disagree	Too many undesirable people are moving into the area, uptown area is playing by loitering skateboarders.
Disagree	TOO many vagrants and gang bangers
Disagree	Too many vagrants and tweaked hanging around.
Disagree	Too much crime in our local shopping centers and too few police visibly patrolling our streets. Let's be PROACTIVE, as well as reactive.
Disagree	Too much crime!
Disagree	Too much news about robberies and car chases in the area
Disagree	Transients have physically attacked me during an evening walk with my stroller and baby. They were high on something. Too many transients and tweakers. They also make a mess in the city, my block, the alley (back of my garage where the city contacted me to remove items that were placed there by transients). I clean my alley every week because of that. I've also had things stolen from my porch and had to take my hose off because transients bathed in my yard. They do it all the time in our block.
Disagree	tweakers hanging out in the alleys.
Disagree	Uptown has a preponderance of crime yet seemingly no more resources.
Disagree	uptown too dark. need cops or bikes ir walking uptown to develop positive relationships with peopke
Disagree	used to be safe. Pat 4 yrs, rise in homelessness and break ins.
Disagree	WAY too many homeless and drug addicts. Had a car stolen, had house broken into, have them defecating on my church property regularly.
Disagree	We have had so much crime. And to close to home and school
Disagree	We have had too many brake Ins in the neighborhood as well as continuous minor disturbances. The police does not show up fast enough. More and more crime incidents everywhere
Disagree	We have too many homeless or other sad folks hanging around. Also, gang bangers.
Disagree	Where I live there are a few homeless people that have been hanging out for months. Things come up missing and possible drugs being sold.
Disagree	With the passing of the recent laws letting criminals out changing felonies there has been an increase of lawness, we have all seen this.
Strongly Disagree	Because of the homeless people they love to break into cars intimidate our children and they are everywhere asking for money. This is terrible I regret purchasing a house in Whittier because of the rise of crime and homelessness
Strongly Disagree	Because there are not enough police officers. We have too many crack motels. And nothing being done with the homeless population
Strongly Disagree	Coming from an area with more population density, more homeless, more vagrants, this is nothing.
Strongly Disagree	Crime has increased in our city, our cars are broken into, our packages get stolen

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Strongly Disagree	Crime has tripled! You can't even walk to your car without being approached by homeless asking for \$. My car being broken in to parked in front of my home
Strongly Disagree	Crime is worse than south central l.a., car/house break ins, bolden criminals that just walk right in to your house, vandalism, car jacking, robberies, homeless and drug addicts are way too rampant.
Strongly Disagree	Druggie transients, package thieves, break ins, outsiders finding out Whittier is weakening so they start their crime spree in our neighborhoods.
Strongly Disagree	Having lived here all my life (65) and third generation whittierite ,you could walk anywhere, go shopping when you wanted, uptown was a very safe place to be. Now uptown is so unsafe at night we can't even enjoy a walk or go to the movies any more without your head spinning in all directions. When you have been attacked twice you would understand
Strongly Disagree	High crime, especially in west Whittier. I live right next door to a drug dealer but nothing is being done. Strong arm robberies in our parks, people openly getting high in our parks because the police can only issue citations. It is a mess over here!
Strongly Disagree	Home less and drug addicts, skate boarders on sidewalks, no police presence
Strongly Disagree	Homeless crazy people in Uptown. I called the police about a crazy looking, shirtless, shoeless guy with a knife standing outside the Starbucks on Phil and Greenleaf.
Strongly Disagree	I have been a business owner here in Uptown Whittier since 1995. I own an upperscale scale next to an alley. All these years I have never been afraid to walk to my car. Now the alley and neighborhood has been taken over by drug dealers, meth addicts, and thieves. I am truly terrified everytime I have to cross paths with these men. Also I'm losing clients. It's getting worse. Why are these criminals and addicts being dropped off here in Whittier? They are not even from our neighborhood. Do we even have a chance to get our city back ? It's only getting worse and it breaks my heart.
Strongly Disagree	I have been harassed numerous times by transients. I don't feel safe. We have people going thru trash at night. The city is going down hill.
Strongly Disagree	I have lived in Whittier all my life, almost 60 years. In the last 5 years my house has been broken into and so has my car in my driveway. I live in East Whittier, and honestly we are thinking about moving out.
Strongly Disagree	I own a small buisness and I have called pd multiple times for drug addicts in my lot. I keep my door locked ALWAYS. I no longer leave my 14 year old alone at home because of daytime break in in my neighborhood.
Strongly Disagree	I specifically live in the historic uptown area, there is not enough lighting and homeless people or tweakers are roaming around uptown hanging out shooting up and being menaces but whittier of never comes through to enforce loitering laws.
Strongly Disagree	I use to feel safe walking with my daughter to the park. But now i will drive to La Mirada, or La Habra for a park. Its too ghetto and dirty in whittier. People do drugs in open daylight at the park and the police do nothing. Homeless people make camps at the parks, police do nothing. I don't even feel safe taking out my trash when its dark anymore

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Strongly Disagree	I used to feel safe going anywhere in Whittier. Not now with armed robberies and home invasions. Can't believe the change. Even Whittwood and Bright pharmacy have been hit. There are not enough police and definitely not adequate security in shopping areas. The security at Whittwood drives around while eating and is clueless about surroundings. Also Whittier needs a skateboard park so kids will stop skateboarding in front of the stores at Whittwood. I've stopped going there because of the crime and kids on skateboards
Strongly Disagree	killing of robber on Whittier blvd and norwalk in October/November 2017
Strongly Disagree	Lots of crime in uptown. Especially at night
Strongly Disagree	Lots of homeless people, not enough police and they never take care of East Whittier. We have people here who park their cars in the street like it's a junk yard. I've complained 2 times and police never come to ticket them. No one cares about what our neighborhood!
Strongly Disagree	More Police/Sheriff needed. Better response times needed.
Strongly Disagree	Nobody is noticing the wanderers/homeless/drug alcohol users seem to have taken over Uptown. Other nice towns don't have this problem. We enjoy the experience in Monrovia.
Strongly Disagree	Not anymore especially closer to the 605.... I see homeless and others yelling at each other who appear to be on drugs coming home; get rid of the dispensary of Norwalk and Whittier. Bad area right there! And this is what ppl see as they enter Whittier
Strongly Disagree	police presence and response low, needs immediate attention
Strongly Disagree	Read the paper. You'll know.
Strongly Disagree	recent shooting in Whittier..bottle shop, increase of homeless roaming neighborhood, increase in crime...
Strongly Disagree	So many crimes have been going on lately. I understand that there's law currently that don't allow our officers to do much. But I do believe if we had more officers patrolling and visible through our streets and neighborhoods it would definitely help.
Strongly Disagree	The Change in demographics and increase in homeless and less Police patrols
Strongly Disagree	The increasing amount of homeless drug users in Whittier and on the wall trail has gone up to the point where walking around at night is something I wouldn't do at all
Strongly Disagree	There has been a strong criminal presence lately. And I RARELY see police patrolling. Also, just walking in Uptown feels sketchy with all of the transients...
Strongly Disagree	There has been an upsurge in property crime, home less, assaults. I have lived in Whittier since 2000. This year, neighbors up and down my street have had things stolen from their porches, I have had a prowler in my yard. People are getting assaulted in their driveways, on Lambert. We are thinking about moving

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Strongly Disagree	To many homeless people not enough police patrols.
Strongly Disagree	Too many break ins. Too many homeless that are drug addicts. I feel like I cant't even get my packages sent to my house because of the crime.
Strongly Disagree	Too many homeless and whack jobs and tweeters
Strongly Disagree	Too many meth heads, homeless, robberies. Never go uptown anymore because of it.
Strongly Disagree	Too much crime these days...
Strongly Disagree	Too much crime! Families don't feel safe walking to a local shop! We need more police presence & police suppression teams.
Strongly Disagree	Too much crime, the city needs to something now stop providing services to homeless people and drug addicts. More police, collaborate with LA county sheriffs dept. and probation and conduct raids to get gang members and criminals out of the city.
Strongly Disagree	Went to Portos in Buena Park last Tuesday night with family vs walk in Uptown Whittier.

All respondent write-in responses to Q9: "If you could change one thing about Whittier that made it easier to get around, what would it be?"

Other (please specify)

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Be smart. You took out bump on Mar Vista and cars are flying. Then the street lights are not synced in their places
better street maintenance
BRING BACK THE LOCAL SHUTTLE BUS
Bring back the Whittier Transit Shuttle
Fewer big busses on narrow streets
Fix parking at the most popular spots. Now that I'm older, it is harder for me to access some of my favorite places in Uptown and at the Quad and the Whittwood due to crowded parking at peak hours.
get off of waze!
Get rid of the meth using homeless people
I am satisfied with the traffic in Whittier
I would get rid of that 20mph section of Mar Vista. You can't even coast at 20mph coming off of Colima.
im sorry i cant pick just one. my choice is slow traffic down, and provide more bike lanes, and reduce traffic cutting through neighborhoods. They all work well together and i dont think you can do one without the others.
Improve sidewalks & reduce traffic cutting through neighborhoods.
Improve sidewalks and improve transit service.
Improve sidewalks, Provide more bike lanes.
improve sidewalks. Provide bike lanes.
Improve transit. Transit in and out of the city of motebello 50 is the only option to downtown.
Improve walkability, which includes better sidewalks, more bike lanes, build clusters of diverse AND useful retail. No one needs a Skechers walking distance but we do need a coffee shop and a grocery store.
Light rail connection to rest of LA
longer light on Mar Vista/Colima going West/East
Make it a more walkable city. Less wastelands of parking lots, more attractive, tree-lined storefront sidewalks.
Make it safer and enjoyable to move around. Visually appealing
Mar Vista traffic is a joke. Housing has gone up around the EWMS area, yet traffic lights aren't re-timed. Same as OSH/Ulta/Home Goods area. Same as Quad/College area. Hopelessly stuck in traffic is not a great draw to the city.
METRO STATION
More pedestrian friendly.
Most of our traffic is pass through from other communities so it's hard to solve that problem. I guess the answer would be to keep the traffic flowing.
Na
No opinion
none
nothing, it's easy to get around.
only change the homeless
Parking
properly repair roads
provide more bike lanes; improve transit service; fewer humans - whittier is full - stop adding more housing

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reduce congestion & traffic cutting through neighborhoods. Provide more bike lanes. Places I want to go are closer together.
Reduce congestion by getting rid of the lanes on Gunn & Mills.. 1 lane to go straight & the other to turn. It has caused major congestion!! On Laurel & Calmada as well.
Reduce congestion, improve sidewalks. reduce traffic cutting through neighborhoods
reduce congestion, Places I want to go are closer together.
Reduce congestion, provide more bike lanes
Reduce congestion, speed up traffic, improve transit sevice.
Reduce congestion, Speed up traffic.
reduce congestion; slow traffic down; reduce traffic cutting through neighborhoods; stop the traffic on Magnolia - huge safety concern with speeders on a street with an elementary school
remove all ficus trees & repair the damages
Remove all the homeless/tweekers! Help us be proud of our once beautiful city!
REMOVE THE CRIMINALS THAT LIVE ON THE STREETS ON WHITTIER.
Stop building condos and apartments which attract trancients
Street repairs
Synchronize lights
Time the construction around town (understanding it has to happen to make repairs and improvements) so that there aren't so many of our high traffic areas impacted at the same time.
timing of traffic signals for better flow
We need to reduce congestion, and traffic cutting thru neighborhoods while improving transit service
wider streets, more parking
YOU BETTER NOT ADD STUPID BIKE LANES AND REMOVE CAR LANES. I WILL SPEND MONEY TO RECALL ALL CITY OFFICIALS. STOP BUILDING MOTELS AND MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, YOU IDIOTS.
You can't change that. Whittier is long and narrow, if I want something on the other end of town I'm going to take the Boulevard. That's part of the charm of Whittier,

All respondent write-in responses to Q10: "In the future, how would you like to travel around Whittier (select all that apply)?"

Other (please specify)

An affordable, quick "tap pass system" like much of downtown LA . Classes should be held to help educate citizens on He availability and how to use it. I just attended a class sponsored by AARP and the city in LA on how to use the metro there.

auto

Automobile

Automobile

BUT . . . I would like to travel from Whittier to LA on the Gold Line.

By my own car!!

Car

Car, segue

Cars are we use in SoCal.

Continue in my car

Crowdsourced commuting (like Uber).

Don't / Didn't we HAVE these things at one time or another ????

Drive

Drive

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Drive
drive
Drive
Drive my personal vehicle
Electric Autonomous Vehicles within 5 years. Mark my words.
H
hovercraft
HOW ABOUT TROLLEY; DON'T FRICKEN ADD TRAINS.
I already ealk since i live near whittwood. You need a costco or sams at the Nelles site.
I am getting older, and someday I won't be driving anymore. I would like to have a reliable way to get around.
I walk to Uptown unless I'm getting take out food. I would like to still be able o use my car for the most part.
I will stick with my own transportation
I'm happy
If the Gold Line won't be extended out here until we're all dead, let uptown have better connections to regional transit hubs, like an express MBL 10 to Atlantic/Pomona station or increased Foothill 285 service over Colima.
It is difficult to walk my dogs due to lack of good sidewalks.
jet ski
METRO
Metro=crime
More sidewalk access
Mu personal car
My car
My car
My car.
My own car.
my personal car
Own car
POV
prefer car
private auto
run
See Downtown Trax system in Salt Lake City
skate,but they are banned in uptown
Specific safe taxi or uber transportation for seniors
Still by car
Still need cars, so don't do something silly!
test
The trolley
To be honest! I would love to travel in safety and not always having to look over my shoulder.
trolley!
trolley?

All respondent write-in responses to Q10: "In the future, how would you like to travel around Whittier (select all that apply)?"

Truck and car
USE MY CAR.
Vehicle
We definitely need access to a train going to alameda

All respondent write-in responses to Q11: "What would need to change in Whittier for you to use the transportation you selected in Question 10 today (select all that apply)?"

Other (please specify)
A feeling of safety.
A frequent, free shuttle uptown
A plan for adapting to ride sharing and autonomous driving.
A shuttle or tram would be nice where you can park in a lot and get on tram and do all my stuff in the village.
are you kidding. Im going to ride my bike everyday no matter what. all I ask is when i die on my bike and a ghost bike is placed at the scene.... it cant be a kids bike. it has to be a full sized mens mointain bike or im haunting whittier. maybe a triple clamp downhill front fork too,,, yeah....
be like irvine CA
Better train connectivity between job centers and region (Metrolink, Subway, Amtrak)
Bring back the Whittier Shuttle
Bring the Gold Line here!
Car
CLEANER BUS'S, SAFER TRANSIT OF ALL KINDS
Clear out the camps and homeless people on trails
Crime reduction
Diverse restaurants & shops
ESTABLISH TIMED LIGHTS.
Expand the walking trails
Get metro link to whittier
Get rid of angle parking in Uptown and have more off street parking.
Get rid of bad people
Get rid of the homeless people no one likes to hang at a bus stop with a crack head harassing them
Give me a reason to come to Whittier. City of Indusrty/Rowland Heights have invested in urban renewal along Gale and Colima. I shop and dine there now.
Goal: Amsterdam. Create zones/ blocks in Uptown, where cars are banned. Maybe on weekends, Greenleaf could strictly be a walking/ biking block? Create remote parking near Whittier Blvd,, with shuttles to Uptown. Have the city promote biking/ walking events/ challenges. Whether people use fitness trackers, or if the city hosts "Bike Night" or "Health Walk" group events. If more citizens are actively involved in biking/ walking events,
Greater sense of personal safety
Have a shuttle service
Homeless encampments removed
I use my car
If I felt safer. There are a lot of mentally ill people at bus stops, parks, the open spaces.
Improve security, signage, lighting at bus stops.
Less congestion by getting rid of parking on Whittier Blvd so there could be a 3rd lane for traffic.
Less crime/more officers/better laws that protect law abiding citizens and actual laws that punish criminals
Less mass transit clogging the roads, traveling empty
less traffic
Light rail.
lighting in neighborhoods need to be improved-Friends street
Lighting on the trails for evening use!
Like I said earlier, I won't walk or bike after dark because of safety issues. As a woman, I am afraid of people on the Greenway Trail and even in my own neighborhood.
Many neighborhoods are getting worse. Don't know that there is anything that can be done.

All respondent write-in responses to Q11: "What would need to change in Whittier for you to use the transportation you selected in Question 10 today (select all that apply)?"

Money to build it
More parking
More PD patrols
More police presence
more police present!
More security
more shade
More Street lighting
more street maintenance
Most cross street don't have light to cross. Like the one on Lambert and Gunn. To go to the Greenway trail. Drivers fly by and it's scary to cross the street.
N/A
N/A
No opinion
No skateboards on sidewalks
No transients sleeping on side walks leaving items around town.
None. I like my car
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
NOTHING. I WILL ALWAYS DRIVE.
Nothng
Officers in bikes! Lots of them!
Other (please specify)
overall safer community
public safety
reduce crime by cracking down on the druggies and homeless people
Reduce empty lots that attract transients
reduced crime
Reduction of businesses opening on Whittier Blvd ONLY
S
safe bike storage (assurance against theft)
Safer and better patrolled streets. I don't feel safe walking alone with my toddler.
Safer streets
Sidewalks are UNSAFE. lifiting cracking
Slow down drivers
Stop overloading all empty lots with more and more housing. Traffic is already insane, it already takes 20+ minutes to get to the freeway from the east side.
test
The bike share program is needed
The people living in broken down motor homes around city should be removed. There's one with a New Mexico license plate on Bailey all the time.
To feel safe.
transit needs to be on time, when taking sunshine I'm waiting up to 2hrs.

All respondent write-in responses to Q11: "What would need to change in Whittier for you to use the transportation you selected in Question 10 today (select all that apply)?"

Transit shuttle to train from the mall
Transportation is fine
Transportation is not a problem
We live in the unincorporated area of Whittier and are completely left out for most things that go on in the city we need a local trolley service to uptown.
We need bike or even foot patrol.
WPD bike units in uptown, whitwood, quad and East Whittier middle schiol
You have to clean up the city of low life's before any sane person would use public transportation.

All respondent write-in responses to Q12: "How can we make Whittier a healthier place (pick your top two)?"

A park with LIGHTS for kids to play/practice on. Especially in Uptown or West Whittier
A program to encourage solar or green solutions for residents
And for it to be safe!!
Bring another Trader Joe's closer to the west side. Also bring Whole Foods
Bring back the great user bookstores that were here before the Quake
Bring jobs to Whittier because commuting is a killer!!!
Clean the streets. The environment is all we have that cannot repair once gone.
Clean the trash
Clean up the homeless stuff.
CLEAN UPTOWN....LITTERALLY
Cleanup after the homeless
Clear out all the homeless and crime will reduce
clear the homeless
Close the oil wells!
continue to bring up crime, but need to feel safe of bike and walking trails.
Control traffic so its safe to walk or bike ride
Create a safer environment!
Create Tesla Electric Power Grids for Industrial and Medical Complexes to reduce carbon footprint
Crime reduction
Decrease/ discourage prevalence of fast-food restaurants.
Encourage all green activities... Sofar on all city structures aNd new buildings, charging stations in all parking lots, solar on bus stops, incentivize ret
Encourage more recycling / composting
Encourage people to engage others in their community, get out with them and be active.
encourage walking by closing streets to make walking-only areas as well as safety from vagrancy/homelessness which makes it comfortable to walk
Enforce existing regulations and improve the sewers
enlarge PCH emergency room, put an urgent care close/adjacent to PIH
Ensure the K-12 schools in the district are teaching students how to live a healthy life. Have physical education be changed where students are not only doing physical work, but are being educated on how to eat healthier and ways of improving their physical activities.
Every year with the Halloween Spooktaclar 5K and the La Serna 5k keep it up ??
Expand cultural opportunities (for MENTAL health!)
fewer people shoehorned into existing city. too much traffic.
fitness machines at michigan park are great
fix the sidewalks. They are dangerous.
GET RID OF ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT ARE LITERALLY EVERYWHERE. GET RID OF ALL THE HOMELESS CAMPS AND ALL THE CRACK HEADS THAT HAVE NO SHAME DOING DRUGS INFRONT OF KIDS!!!!
get rid of street vendors
Get rid of the homeless people from parks and the freeway trail... people are starting to arm themselves when they go outside
Go to nekter

All respondent write-in responses to Q12: "How can we make Whittier a healthier place (pick your top two)?"

Hire more police
homeless & shiftless (appearing) people every where.
How about pressure washing the sidewalks. It looks a little shabby in Uptown.
I don't know
I don't know. Interesting question.
Improve public safety so we aren't afraid to use the terrific amenities like the parks and Greenway trails.
Increase Hellman Park's hours again
Increase incentives for personal healthy changes
Increase police by walking and bike patrols
Increase security along greenway trail.
It's the individuals responsibility not the City's
Make businesses and home owners keep a cleaner store front appearance.
Make classes easily permitable to do at the fabulous parks. More people at the parks should help police the parks and push out the riff-raff.
Make healthy foods more affordable
Make the city safe for residents to enjoy these things.
Make the farmers market availabloe in the evening
Many local shops do support environmental friendly items, alternatives.
More 5K, Tri-athlon, & Bicycle events
More access to open space and development of trails
more healthy restaurants!
More housing, let's have some density.
More wellness events, community-based maybe through parks and rec
Motivate the Farmers Market to have some vendors that sell Organic produce. Unfortunately, I stopped buying from the Farmers Market 3 years ago, due to the vendors lacking any Organic produce.
No fracking no mineral extraction
No oil drilling -
Not put in so much high density housing.
open a bouldering gym
OPEN THE TRAILS DAY AND NIGHT!!! SPORTS COMPLEX!!!!
Other (please specify)
Places to purchase cheap healthy food for the middle class
Provide mental health services.
Reduce on-street parking congestion
Remove the dangerous ficus tree roots on Painter Ave. Please!! I have to step into the busy street when walking close to my home, when walking northbound on the East side of Painter.
Remove the homeless/tweakers! Add more officers! Otherwise, all the law abiding citizens and homeowners are leaving Whittier! There will be no one left, but people on welfare, to support the city of Whittier!
Remove the motels and clean up areas with high narco use, especially meth
Re-open the Whittier hills during early morning and evening hours. The current hours prohibit any working person from hiking/walking/running or biking in the hills before or after work.
Reroute the airlines that pass overhead.
Safer city more people would be out on the street.
Sports complex
Step away from the political correctness. The market will determine which green businesses will survive or not.

All respondent write-in responses to Q12: "How can we make Whittier a healthier place (pick your top two)?"

STOP DEVELOPMENTS AND FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Stop growth: overbuilding residential properties = less traffic and parking congestion.

Stop homeless from using parks, streets, and yards as a toilet

STOP the building of new residences. Fewer people means fewer cars, which means better air quality and safer streets due to fewer cars.

test

There needs to be a health store uptown - maybe in the Salvation Army building... there are too many empty buildings which makes the area seem depressed

We have places to hike and be outside, but we risk be bothered by drug addicts and fear that our car will be broken into.

We need a youth sports field/facility.

You can't

All respondent write-in responses to Q13: "What can we do to improve our parks, recreation facilities, and open space so that people can lead healthier, more active lives?"

Other (please specify)
Looks like the survey is to justify an extension of the Greenway Trail, I understand the cost is way too high
A community sports and recreation park as La Mirada has
Add a maker space to the library
Add more (and higher level) performing arts venues
additioanl dog parks, especially w/ lighting
address the homeless population living in the parks
Address the homeless problem. They take over spaces in parks and open areas so that it is not a place where I want to be with my grandchildren
Address the homeless/transient problem
Again safe parks. They are full of transients. I used to go to all of them and most have been taken over.
All of the above, with the hope that taxes do not go through the roof
allow dogs on leash in parks
allow hiking trails, so we don't have to drive so far to hike
Allow leashed dogs in City parks.
Also include fitness/therapeutic activities for disabled
Better lighting on trail
Better open space maintenance and access to trails
Bring in cultural diversity
Change the hiking hours back to sunrise to sunset
Check the homeless and drug users out of their bathrooms
clean up existing parks-make them for family friendly so families are not afraid to have children go to park/too many homeless, drugs, etc in parks
Clean up the existing parks. Void of homeless and tweekers to make them clean and safe
Clean up the homeless out of our parks. Maybe charge at the parks to help with continuing upgrades.
Clear out the drug addicts and homeless
Community free or low cost yoga for youth and up.
Community patrol services
Consider building a sports complex for all the youth sports leagues in the area. It is a shame that we all have to fight for space for our children to have qualitybsports programs.
Create a plaza that is lined with shops and restaurants for public gathering. Model after European cities.
Create a safe environment for women and children and seniors
create fitness centers within existing parks
Create more dog-friendly outdoor areas
Create safer parks to attract more people.
crossing streets Laurel/Calmada/Gunn from greenway trail & street.
discourage loitering of transients/adults in parks where children and families want to spend time.
Do not allow vagrants to take over to be parks we have and make people feel unsafe walking.
Do whatever necessary to keep Greenway trail safe for walking.
Drive out the criminals. Keep them out of the parks and off the Greenway Trail
Easier parking near parks
Eliminate homeless and addicts loitering in parks and on trails. If your residents don't feel safe, they won't use
Establish parking lots at Turnbull canyon as this is becoming a more used resource
fewer humans = fewer cars = less air pollution
focus on large disabled people in our community

All respondent write-in responses to Q13: "What can we do to improve our parks, recreation facilities, and open space so that people can lead healthier, more active lives?"

Former Fred C. Nelles area Should be a Regional Park
GET RID OF ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT ARE LITERALLY EVERYWHERE. GET RID OF ALL THE HOMELESS CAMPS AND ALL THE CRACK HEADS THAT HAVE NO SHAME DOING DRUGS INFRONT OF KIDS!!!!
Get rid of homeless and drug addicts so we feel safe at the parks and trails that already exist.
get rid of homeless people and addicts in the parks
Get rid of homeless people living in the parks
Get ride of the encampments in the parks so we can take our children and feel safe. Now you rise seeing drug
Get the homeless out of parks so children can play comfortably
Get the homeless out of them
Homeless issue at parks don't feel safe
I don't go to some parks due to safety issues. Increase the safety
I think that our parks are fine.
improve/provide lighting on greenway trail
Increase access hours to the Whittier Hills.
Increase hours of access to Whittier Hills and other parks, improve parking.
Increase police patrols in public areas
It may be less about increasing green spaces than it would be improving what already exists.
Keep homeless from camping in our parks.
Keep out homeless and suspicious people to feel safe to exercise and be in the facilities
Keep transients and crime out trail and existing parks. Keep little league, AYSO and other non club league dues
Keep transients out of them
Kick out the riff raff loitering at the parks.
Kick the homeless out of our parks. They sit in the bathrooms, do drugs and clean themselves.
LIGHTS on fields.
local gov needs to get involved financially
Make community classes more affordable
Make easier to understand lanes for walkers and bikers -- they seem to overlap
Make exisiting spaces safer by addressing the crime and homeless issues.
Make parks safer and actually people will want to go and stay active. Too many transients and drug addicts at
make parks safer, the dog park in Whittier has gotten to be a little dangerous . I don't take my dog to that dog park anymore..Pitt bull dogs are not safe, I seen a fight between to many pitbulss over there.
Make parks safer. Lots of scary looking people hang out there now.
make people feel our parks are safe to use. Ex. Lee Owens is known for drug traffic...right accross from the B & G Club. Few go to use thar park except if that is your neighborhood. Central Park has had issues that I know of from first & second hand experience. Our young families become hesitant to use CP even though it's walking
Make the areas safe
Make the existing places safer
More affordable activities
More dog friendly spaces
More parks fewer housing and shopping centers
More policing of these areas for vandals and drug addicts
more trail
Move homeless out of park spaces
n/a
N/a

All respondent write-in responses to Q13: "What can we do to improve our parks, recreation facilities, and open space so that people can lead healthier, more active lives?"

nelles site lincoln plan is terrible, need affordable housings, green space, tiny houses.
No opinion
offer shelter for homeless people who lounge in parks.
Our kids play flag football through the city and can never find a field to practice on. They have us driving to
Our parks are unsafe with all the homeless
Parks need to be gated now because of Un wanted people.
Parks! Omg! We can't even enjoy our beautiful parks anymore! The homeless/tweakers have taken over! My kids can't climb the trees anymore! Look up! The homeless/tweakers even have made their beds on the tops of
Police need to patrol the parks and get rid of the tweakers and drifters.
Police the trail and parks don't allow people to live there.
Police visibility to discourage criminal activity in the parks.
Preserve and maintain hiking trails in the hills.
Provide a SAFE environment. Don't use the greenway trail bc of drug dealings and crime
Publicize events.
reduce the homeless population that gather at parks.
Remove the homeless and transients, I dont use the parks because of this.
Remove the homeless populations from our parks so the facilities are clean and safe.
Remove the transients that currently live at the parks. There one that actually "lives" in the bushes next to Rite-
Renovate the public library. They have so many programs on healthy living and could easily have more if they
Safer city!
Safer parks
See previous answer. Anything to get our Community out to the public spaces.
set new walk/bike paths through; level bike paths
test
The green space on Greenleaf across from the record shop should be turned into something cool, like a
There are too many people sleeping on benches, or people who live in RV's that are just parked for days on end
Too many homeless living in the parks, how can people feel safe going to the parks? Also, your car has a strong
We have plenty of parks in Whittier, but the homeless have taken them over. At Parnell Park where I use take my children,the homeless are now living in the trees.
Whittier has a serious homeless problem in Central Park causing alot of people not wanting to use the park and when we do go, we have to go home when we need to use the bathroom.
yoga, etc.
you figure it out! Is your city!

All respondent write-in responses to Q14: 'To what extent do you agree with the following	
Answer*	Why or why not?
*Only includes answers that answered the question "Why or Why Not"	
Strongly Agreeand increasing !!
Strongly Agree	A homeless man at the Starbucks in uptown said they were getting picked up in Anaheim and getting dropped off in Whittier.
Strongly Agree	a lot of homeless are doing drugs
Strongly Agree	All of what i see is cannot be Whittier people. These people are coming from other cities.
Strongly Agree	Almost every morning there are homeless people sleeping at the Beverly Norwalk bus stop.
Strongly Agree	As the number of homeless in Whittier increases, the number of areas we can safely walk and shop decreases. There is not only a concern regarding crime, there's health to consider. In addition, no one should live out of a box or cart.
Strongly Agree	Because helping those in need can only make a community stronger
Strongly Agree	Because it affects the uptown experience.
Strongly Agree	Because the large amount of homeless are drug users
Strongly Agree	Because there are a lot of homeless in the city.
Strongly Agree	because there are homeless people in every alley you come across going through trash
Strongly Agree	Because there shouldn't be homelessness
Strongly Agree	Because they are committing crimes. My car has been broken into twice
Strongly Agree	because they spill over into the community. not all are bad but those that are bad are very bad
Strongly Agree	Because Whittier council does nothing to get them out. They leave it to the cops when there are 1000's of other problems that they need to deal with.
Strongly Agree	But I understand it's a regional concern all over and a by-product of LA's housing issues - so I don't blame Whittier
Strongly Agree	Concerns with the resources they use up and the blight they create
Strongly Agree	create alarming concerns with small children around.
Strongly Agree	Drugs & Crime
Strongly Agree	Duh
Strongly Agree	Even people visiting me can notice the abundant number of homelessness in this city. It's affecting my home and safety.
Strongly Agree	every city needs to deal with homeless not just shove them else where! Otherwise take down the friendliest city logo!
Strongly Agree	Every day/morning/night i see homeless walking streets/leaving messes/in parks camping out-not safe for family
Strongly Agree	Everyone should be housed, a basic human right.
Strongly Agree	Everyone wants a house, but some SRO housing could go a long way. Look at the SRO housing corporation.
Strongly Agree	Everywhere you go there are homeless. Some are Whittierites but most are not from Whittier. It seems like they have come here because we are welcoming and have programs bathrooms food etc.
Strongly Agree	feeling unsafe is getting worse.
Strongly Agree	Greedy landlords gave forced up rents
Strongly Agree	Have seen over the recent years increasing number of homeless. Concerned that people are being priced out of housing, or are not receiving the mental health services and support they need.
Strongly Agree	Health factors
Strongly Agree	Homeless are everywhere, using drugs and causing crime
Strongly Agree	homeless is large and setting larger
Strongly Agree	Homeless people are everywhere! It is sad, unsightly, and unhealthy. The city should turn Nelles into a rehabilitation center and help get these people off the streets.
Strongly Agree	Homeless people deteriorate the overall quality and feel of the city.
Strongly Agree	Homelessness is a major issue in most towns including ours. This is an issue we need to address not only to help those who are homeless, but also to make our town a more appealing place.
Strongly Agree	Housing is too expensive in Whittier buying or renting
Strongly Agree	I am concerned for their safety and health as well as the trash that is left around the city.

All respondent write-in responses to Q14: 'To what extent do you agree with the following

Strongly Agree	I believe more of the homeless community of Whittier need to be informed on their resources. First Day and other homeless-addressing non-profits are all over Whittier and yet many people remain as public characters (the same homeless people are seen throughout the year)
Strongly Agree	I do not believe they are primarily from Whittier but have "moved in" including into the grocery store parking lots and parks.
Strongly Agree	i do not feel safe
Strongly Agree	I dont feel safe for my kids to be out and see that most are drugged out
Strongly Agree	I don't know how to do this, but the homeless people need to get off the streets
Strongly Agree	I encounter them every. They foul the environment, steal, deal and take drugs, threaten citizens with bodily harm
Strongly Agree	I have lived in Whittier my entire life (26 years) and I have never seen this amount of homeless people before. I have found them camping out in the front yards of my neighbors, riding bikes around and screaming in the middle of the night, pushing shopping carts down the middle of the road, etc.
Strongly Agree	I have seen the Whittier police kick people out of parks, off of streets, etc. Where are they supposed to go?? We need to fix the problem instead of asking them to leave.
Strongly Agree	I participated in the Homeless Count last year and saw firsthand just how many people are living on the streets. It's tragic and unacceptable. Despite its size, Whittier's wealth gap is HUGE and comparable to larger cities. We have people living in multi-million dollar mansions in the hills and people sleeping in their cars on Whittier Blvd. Makes no sense.
Strongly Agree	I see it everywhere
Strongly Agree	I see it so often and I want them to be somewhere safe rather than on the streets
Strongly Agree	I see more homeless. Homelessness is not a healthy lifestyle and should not be tolerated as a choice. It is bad for the city and the homeless. It fosters aberrant behavior. The homeless should be fed and cared for (housing), but not allowed to roam the streets.
Strongly Agree	I see more people on the streets sleeping in unsafe spots.
Strongly Agree	I see them everywhere and sometimes they are rude
Strongly Agree	I see them setting up homes on the porches of businesses in the evenings.
Strongly Agree	I see them urinating in public , leaving trash and sleeping in strip malls
Strongly Agree	I see too many cart-pushing, dirty & unkempt people who also look like drug addict roaming our city.
Strongly Agree	I think most of these individuals have a mental illness that require them to be institutionalized or they have an addiction problem that they need to resolve.
Strongly Agree	I walk past 3 regular homeless people between my apartment and the farmers market. there are more at night.
Strongly Agree	I worry about their health
Strongly Agree	if you have to ask, you haven't been to Uptown lately.
Strongly Agree	In the few years I've been here, there has been no positive difference in how the homeless population is addressed and taken care of
Strongly Agree	It affects my business regarding parking and people's sense of being/not being safe
Strongly Agree	It appears as though we have no infrastructure to accommodate the folks.
Strongly Agree	It concerns me that we deal with this issue properly. Not to invite more homeless people, but to help those who genuinely need help and kick out those who refuse to be helped. Police the issue so that drugs don't become an issue.
Strongly Agree	it feels not safe, most seem to be on drugs or alcohol as well.
Strongly Agree	It has surged in the last 5 years
Strongly Agree	it is beyond belief how many homeless people are here. The founding Quakers would be spinning if they saw their city like this.
Strongly Agree	It is increasing at a fast rate and leads, indirectly or directly, to higher crime rates.
Strongly Agree	it makes going out in Uptown uncomfortable
Strongly Agree	It makes it a scary place to live. There also seems to be homeless criminal types.
Strongly Agree	it makes me sad to see my neighbors suffering.
Strongly Agree	It seems that there are more homeless in town these days. Because of the way they live, there are problems. I do not believe there is an easy answer to this problem.
Strongly Agree	It seems to be increasing and is a health and safety issue.
Strongly Agree	It seems we are becoming their Mecca; the more we offer, the more they come.
Strongly Agree	It strongly concerns me when anyone is homeless.
Strongly Agree	It's a problem
Strongly Agree	it's a sad commentary that these people cannot be provided for.

All respondent write-in responses to Q14: 'To what extent do you agree with the following	
Strongly Agree	It's already out of hand.
Strongly Agree	it's increasing
Strongly Agree	It's just so terrible now! I feel sad because I convinced my mom to sell her home in Alhambra and move to Whittier. Now, want to move to Brea and get the heck out of Whittier! It's too scary now! Not even safe to go to Whittwood mall anymore without being bombarded with aggressive transients! Yes, they are becoming so aggressive! It's so sad for Whittier.
Strongly Agree	It's not hard to find transients, particularly in the area of city hall in the morning. Transients are often associated with substance abuse and/or mental illness.
Strongly Agree	It's so bad that they are sleeping on the sidewalk outside of 7-11.
Strongly Agree	It's so sad to see people in Central Park, outside the post office or Rite Aid, who clearly have no place to go. We have a better shelter system than many communities and housing is more affordable, but it's still a huge problem.
Strongly Agree	It's something that was not a problem growing up here, but now I encounter it almost daily, I've even witnessed dedicating in public on a busy street during daylight in sight of school children (Mulberry)
Strongly Agree	its tragic
Strongly Agree	I've seen more homeless than ever before, and many appear to be under the influence.
Strongly Agree	Large number is visible on the streets.
Strongly Agree	Many appear to be mentally ill and unstable.
Strongly Agree	MANY ARE DRUG USERS THAT NEED TO ACQUIRE DRUGS BY STEALING FROM OUR CARS AND HOMES AND BUYING FROM LOCAL DEALERS THATS WHY!!!
Strongly Agree	Many of these folks were incarcerated but let out due to prop 47,57 and AB109. Crime goes up and every city around Whittier pushes the homeless here. Uptown Whittier take a bulk and is no longer safe. Why would anyone want to go to Uptown if they feel unsafe there. Less public goes there, less revenue so let's do the math.
Strongly Agree	mental issues, drug and alcohol issues, won't go to First Day! Stop churches giving away food and clothes "when helping hurts!" Funnel into First Day!
Strongly Agree	More people pushing carts with their belongings. A recent trip from my house to the 605 with out of town relatives we observed many homeless people. Some with obvious mental health issues. This made me feel uncomfortable knowing I should feel proud of my hometown city instead of trying to explain the things that were seen.
Strongly Agree	Most of the homeless I have encountered are near/at schools or parks
Strongly Agree	most of the homeless people i see near my home are on drugs or you can tell they have been drinking all day. i have personally seen homeless people stealing. its just not good.
Strongly Agree	Most transients are harmless, but I have experienced harassment from them on multiple occasions.
Strongly Agree	My friend can't stay in uptown too long b/c her mom is paranoid about homelessness. A homeless lady swore at my boyfriend.
Strongly Agree	New species of homeless. No longer mostly down on luck people, but mostly drug addicts and thieves now. Not as harmless as in the past.
Strongly Agree	no one should be homeless
Strongly Agree	no one should be homeless.
Strongly Agree	Once a year council is not enough. Parks are not being used as much b/c of tendency for camping.
Strongly Agree	One pay check away from being homeless with the rent we pay in uptown Whittier!
Strongly Agree	overwhelming number
Strongly Agree	Part of not feeling safe, how is city addressing it?
Strongly Agree	See too many homeless in Whittier, number is growing
Strongly Agree	several areas of uptown whittier frequently experience squatting and pan-handling
Strongly Agree	Sheer numbers and conditions - this is a critical situation
Strongly Agree	Should be homeless shelters to address this problem
Strongly Agree	Silly question. They are there
Strongly Agree	Take a walk on any Blvd especially in uptown and near the parks, you can find a skid row environment
Strongly Agree	The criminal element; the black eye to our community created by street people
Strongly Agree	The freeway, major streets and parks all have people living there. Things are getting dirty and I tend to avoid some places because of the number of homeless
Strongly Agree	The homeless are getting too spread out in the community.
Strongly Agree	The homeless around my area are young drug addicts that are causing trouble and breaking into houses and cars

All respondent write-in responses to Q14: 'To what extent do you agree with the following

Strongly Agree	The homeless people don't bother me as much as the fact that no one does anything to help. We are all human. There should be NO ONE living on the street.
Strongly Agree	The homeless population has definitely increased
Strongly Agree	The homeless population, in part, uses the resources (police, etc.) of the city without supporting those resources and gives the city an unsafe feel to those visiting Whittier as well as those living in the Uptown area.
Strongly Agree	The homeless situation adds to the safety concerns and cleanliness issues.
Strongly Agree	The homeless are begging money or food
Strongly Agree	The increase of drug addicts and homeless is disturbing to the point my family and I might move out of Whittier
Strongly Agree	the increasing numbers
Strongly Agree	The large amount of homeless make me feel unsafe in my community
Strongly Agree	The more we help, the more we have.
Strongly Agree	There are A LOT of homeless people on the streets of Whittier
Strongly Agree	there are at least 10 homeless people within my neighborhood that I often see, I do not see any public services reach out to these people, or any establishment addressing this.
Strongly Agree	There are homeless on every corner. They are in Whittier because they are not pushed off.
Strongly Agree	There are homeless people everywhere in Whittier
Strongly Agree	There are so many visible signs of homelessness -- where can the homeless be housed?
Strongly Agree	There are too many homeless and it is extremely sad
Strongly Agree	There are too many living on the street that results in human waste on the streets which is unsanitary. There's danger for residents because people are getting robbed. Businesses are getting broken into. Dogs are getting stolen to. Our city is getting tagged all over the place. I see it everyday myself. I call police but what can they do if the criminals are not caught in the act. There are bikes all over our alley in pieces. I see them dismantle possibly stolen bikes.
Strongly Agree	there everywhere
Strongly Agree	There have been a lot of homeless people spending time in busy shopping areas
Strongly Agree	There is a lot and they leave their trash. The city looks dirty and unkempt.
Strongly Agree	There has been an explosion in recent years.
Strongly Agree	There is both the sadness of their plight and the property damage/defecation/urination/trash/tagging. We had to "lock down" water faucets because homeless bathed and left water running, shut down all external electrical outlets to discourage people from coming to charge phones/sleep overnight, add dozens of cameras and expensive security to keep people from breaking in to gates, etc.
Strongly Agree	There seem to be a lot of folks who are camping out, but uninterested in being connected to services. That's a problem.
Strongly Agree	There seem to be more and more people who are living on the streets
Strongly Agree	There's homeless people every where, at schools we have what we refer to as "the homeless lady".
Strongly Agree	They are altering life for the good citizens of Whittier.
Strongly Agree	They are everywhere now and entering our neighborhoods breaking into cars and homes and stealing things. Creates an unsafe feeling for the city that we live in
Strongly Agree	They are flocking to our city because churches & other organizations are enablers.
Strongly Agree	They are getting more brazen, sleeping in alleys and between homes&businesses. Sanitation is a great concern.
Strongly Agree	they are on every corner
Strongly Agree	They are stealing, breaking into homes and cars, they are sometimes combative, defecating on the streets, old RVs with homeless park all over the city, etc.
Strongly Agree	they are taking over all areas
Strongly Agree	They are the cause to the increase in crime! Larceny, petty theft, hazard waste, harassment of private citizens, & high drug offenders.
Strongly Agree	They bring crime, health hazards (poor hygiene, needles), expose our children to an unsafe urban environment. We came here to live in the suburbs, not skid row.
Strongly Agree	They bring down the quality of life for everyone
Strongly Agree	They make me feel unsafe
Strongly Agree	They r increasing by numbers
Strongly Agree	They seem to be angry and aggressive and don't seem to even be from this city. They came here for the meals they get from churches etc.
Strongly Agree	They seem to be everywhere
Strongly Agree	Too many. It is a public health and safety issue.

All respondent write-in responses to Q14: 'To what extent do you agree with the following	
Strongly Agree	Uptown Whittier is full of homeless people who need help
Strongly Agree	Very concerning! They steal, break in to properties and damage other peoples property
Strongly Agree	Way too many homeless throughout ALL of Whittier.
Strongly Agree	We are making great strides with families. Individuals & the mentally ill are what has become the face of Whittier's homeless. It becomes a catch 22 situaion. My husband was out on the Greenway Trail and he was approached by a guy, bags in hand, asking where the place was that feeds the homeless. He had heard about St. Mathias and was heading there from out of town. He actually said the word was out among the homeless that Whittier will take careof you.
Strongly Agree	We can't go to our parks anymore.
Strongly Agree	We have had homeless people bathing in our facilities. At least 2 or 3 homeless in the vecinity daily
Strongly Agree	We keep getting more homeless people, but it doesn't seem that we're addressing the root causes of the problem.
Strongly Agree	We need to figure out how to get them into housing or to get mental illnesses treated
Strongly Agree	We should help to provide solutions to homelessness
Strongly Agree	What services are available for the homeless?
Strongly Agree	When I moved here in 2014 I didn't see a single homeless person in my area. Now they are all over. By the train tracks, behind the McDonalds in Whittier blvd, in the alley.
Strongly Agree	While my heart aches for homeless and addicts who often loiter in Whittier's public spaces, I do not feel safe spending time at said places with my toddler. I will not risk our safety to spend time at parks or on the trail.
Strongly Agree	Whittier has a higher homeless population that any of its surrounding cities and the city does nothing to help it. how about instead of building more houses and more condos, FIX THE HOMELESS PROBLEM
Strongly Agree	Whittier is becoming a magnet for homeless, compared to neighboring cities. Significant increase in last 10 -20 years
Strongly Agree	Whittier just puts lipstick on a pig when it comes to this issue. When will the council have the guts to pledge to end homelessness and create enough housing for us all?
Strongly Agree	Whom ever is helping them should demand/require something in return. (I.e. Attend counseling, mental health appointments, job training, rehab) don't just feed & clothe them - more will come.
Strongly Agree	Why aren't we taking better care of our own? It's more of a general statement across the USA, but it definitely impacts Whittier.
Strongly Agree	Why: First, I have compassion. Second, housing costs are rising at an alarming rate, so poorer families/ individuals are being pushed to the streets. The elderly are impacted severely. Third, with homelessness rising, drug use, theft crimes, and violent crimes all increase.
Strongly Agree	Yes, the population has increased dramatically. It's alarming to say the least.
Strongly Agree	You can see it everywhere and the streets have the trash to show it
Strongly Agree	You cannot enjoy uptown after dark w/out a fear of being jumped.
Agree	Because I don't want them in my neighborhood
Agree	Because it makes me feel less safe. More homeless seems to create more crime
Agree	Because of there negative impact on public safery
Agree	Besides the druggies/homeless, seems more elderly are homeless
Agree	Better mental health/ drug treatment services need to be funded.
Agree	During runs, I will see at least one person sleeping on the sidewalk. My average runs are about 50 miles per week. It may not be Irvine, but incremental improvement is possible.
Agree	For a place like Whittier I think there are too many homeless people. They need help.
Agree	Have had a couple encounters with homeless people's threatening behavior.
Agree	Homeless camps on Whittier Blvd need to be felt with.
Agree	Homelessness everywhere is concerning
Agree	Homelessness is a problem in the United States.
Agree	Homelessness is ALWAYS concerning to me regardless of the numbers.
Agree	Homelessness is always concerning, especially when a considerable amount of Whittier residents enjoy, comparatively speaking, such lavish existences. Families who send their children to Pioneer should enjoy the same benefits, economic/housing security as those who send their children to La Serna.
Agree	how does one balance compassion w/ practicality
Agree	I don't think it is Whittier. I see more homeless everywhere.
Agree	I feel like there are more and more homeless people on the street. Something must be done to help those people.

All respondent write-in responses to Q14: 'To what extent do you agree with the following	
Agree	I feel that the homeless population is increasing.
Agree	I feel that there are a lot of homeless people in the uptown area but I also feel that they are there because of the safety of the neighborhood. I am not certain how to tackle this issue.
Agree	I know of one halfway in Whittier but my local parks are frequented by transients
Agree	I observe more homeless encampments. With all of the Churches and institutions we should be able to provide some type of shelters.
Agree	I see these homeless camps along Whittier Blvd. between Philadelphia and five points. They look unsightly and detract from the greenbelt in that area.
Agree	I should not have to spend half my money feeding homeless people every time I go into Uptown. The homeless are ignored and disrespected.
Agree	I think there are too many people who aren't getting the helping hand they need
Agree	I think we need to provide shelter for them from the elements and over night. At these locations we should also provide resources to assist with health issues and opportunities to better their situation. We should provide food and water.
Agree	I wish every person had a safe place to sleep.
Agree	In uptown alone nearly every store has at least one homeless person who goes to either ask for money or hang around in the store
Agree	Increased numbers and creating an unsafe feeling Uptown.
Agree	Inevitably there is health, safety, and esthetic cost.
Agree	It brings in crime and drugs, makes the city dirty. I moved from NOHO because of this
Agree	It makes the neighborhood look trashy and feel unsafe.
Agree	It would be nice to see Whittier offer affordable housing.
Agree	It's a regional issue, that needs local action. You can't just move them out. Get parts of the HHH funds
Agree	It's been going up and I don't see a lot of help for them
Agree	It's especially disturbing and sad to see homeless veterans and also the mentally ill. They need much more help.
Agree	It's tragic to see people suffering.
Agree	I've seen an increase after living in Whittier for more than 20 yrs.
Agree	I've seen worse in other cities but, we do have issues
Agree	More effort must be put into managing the homeless population (such as places like First Day) and partnering with LA County efforts to create pathways of hope in partnership with public agencies, including police, fire and hospitals.
Agree	mostly noticed in uptown sleeping in the alleys and sidewalks.
Agree	need to address the problem
Agree	need to find more solutions
Agree	no one should be homeless, but I also don't see many homeless (compared to Los Angeles)
Agree	People need help and they need permanent, supportive housing.
Agree	people who are truly needy, need guidance
Agree	Robberies and Sifting Peoples Garbage
Agree	The homeless flock to the industrial parts of Whittier and the Greenway trail
Agree	The homeless population seem to be concentrated in one area. It is unfair to the residents of District 1 to bare the brunt of this burden.
Agree	There are a lot more homeless now.
Agree	There are a lot of homeless people. It's sad.
Agree	There is a lot especially in Uptown. It makes me feel a bit unsafe.
Agree	There seems to be more homeless here each year
Agree	They are aggressive
Agree	they intrude on my personal space.
Agree	They're everywhere, it's sad for them, and unsafe and unfair for the residents.
Agree	When homeless people occupy a space like Uptown Whittier on Greenleaf or our local parks like Central Park it displaces potential customers or people who just want to enjoy the parks.
Agree	Whittier is seeing an increase in homelessness & east whittier especially w/ the lack of police patrols.
Agree	you can see the homelessness as soon as you go to uptown
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Everyone has to be somewhere
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Homelessness concerns me, but get to the core of why people are homeless. Mental illness? Addicts? Loss of job? It's not like my neighbor is now homeless. There are homeless ppl, yes, but I shouldn't have to give up taking my kids to the park because there's a bunch of homeless ppl smoking pot, being rude, etc., in the park!

All respondent write-in responses to Q14: 'To what extent do you agree with the following	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Homelessness is always going to be a problem, Whittier is not as bad as LA with homelessness
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Homelessness is happening everywhere. Whittier isn't as bad as Anaheim, per se.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know #.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I have't seen many outside of central park.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I'm not very educated in the homeless situation in Whittier.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Its not as bad as other cities!
Neither Agree nor Disagree	it's not illegal to be homeless. they are here b/c it's safe and clean for them
Neither Agree nor Disagree	It's not just Whittier
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Local organizations need to stop feeding the homeless
Neither Agree nor Disagree	That is true of parts of Whittier but not others
Neither Agree nor Disagree	We seem better off than MANY places in southern california
Neither Agree nor Disagree	What is the city doing to provide more services for the homeless?
Disagree	I don't see very many
Disagree	not that many homeless people. unfortunetly homeless is an issue everywhere.
Disagree	There are some, but not that bad, especially to rest of LA
Strongly Disagree	Homeless just bring more crime to the city
Strongly Disagree	I cannot go anywhere in town without witnessing this
Strongly Disagree	It is bring down the neighborhood and bring up the crime rates
Strongly Disagree	It's growing. Not decreasing or staying the same.
Strongly Disagree	It's always been about the same amount.
Strongly Disagree	I've seen people struggle to pay rent in Whittier and have to move out of a place they lived in for 10 years. Rent is increasing every year.
Strongly Disagree	The housing is getting very expensive. I see a lot of elderly people on the street. It is very shameful that we do not help them. A lot need drug treatment.
Strongly Disagree	The number is growing, we need a solution.
Strongly Disagree	They need a place to go for assistance.
Strongly Disagree	Too many especially in uptown where I feel lit creates to a non family environment
Strongly Disagree	when going to parks, it is a concern for our children. also the welbeing of the homeless and being able to meet their needs.

All respondent write-in responses to Q15: 'To what extent do you agree with

Response*	Why or Why Not?
*Only includes answers that answered the question "Why or Why Not"	
Strongly Agree	more than enough
Strongly Agree	As long as established neighborhoods are maintained the statement is true.
Strongly Agree	House prices in Whittier are relatively low compared to housing in Orange County and cities with similar high ranking public schools. Living in Whittier should be seen as a privilege
Strongly Agree	I am a landlord & keep my rents low.
Strongly Agree	Need to stop building new housing, city is getting too crowded
Strongly Agree	opening up apts for families with low income.
Strongly Agree	Remember, there is no need to boost population here unless it's all about making money like property tax for the city. That way of thinking lowers the city expectation from its own
Strongly Agree	Rent has gotten out of control post Recession.
Strongly Agree	Stop allowing multiple housing units(apartments) and allow single family housing. Seems like every
Strongly Agree	There are more than enough affordable housing options and senior care.
Strongly Agree	There is enough housing and it's just going to be harder to get around in the city
Strongly Agree	There is less land to build on and provide adequate parking.
Strongly Agree	There is more than enough. BESIDES, WHITTIER CAN NEVER PROVIDE ENOUGH HOUSING. BESIDES, WITH A LIMITED SUPPLY OF HOUSING, PROPERTY VALUES WILL RISE AND WHITTIER WILL GET
Strongly Agree	There were nearly 20 housing projects in progress as of a year ago,. That is too much. Density of
Strongly Agree	We are developing too much housing in my opinion. Develop something that will bring people here for a function, then let them return home. Too many developments on Whittier Blvd.
Strongly Agree	We have to many affordable housing options now.
Strongly Agree	when more and more humans are squeezed into a city, quality of life declines
Strongly Agree	Whittier has a large Senior Citizen Community and once you need assisted living or full care, it is so
Strongly Agree	Whittier is more reasonably priced than other areas where we have recently checked.
Agree	We don't need more affordable housing, in fact the higher the rent, The lower incidences of crime
Agree	City is too crowded for section 8/ affordable housing!
Agree	haven't noticed a problem
Agree	Homeless shelters
Agree	I am sure more affordable housing for all groups (young families as well as seniors)
Agree	I feel that there are many apartments and rentals.
Agree	I see more housing opportunities in Whittier.
Agree	I think that Whittier needs to keep housing at competitive prices, yet not so low the property values
Agree	I'm a realtor - I see a very wide price range in our city.
Agree	In fact we don't need more apartments.
Agree	it seems as though there are enough
Agree	It seems there are lots of new housing units.
Agree	No where in LA county is affordable unless you want to live in Bell Gardens
Agree	Not enough parking
Agree	Southern CA is just one of the priciest places to live in general.
Agree	There are affordable options in Whittier.
Agree	There are more than necessary low end housing facilities in southwest Whittier.
Agree	There is housing at all So. California price levels
Agree	We don't need more affordable housing. We need more Police.
Agree	Whittier need not become a haven for the "disadvantaged." Down that road lies decay.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	"Affordable Housing" needs to STOP.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Affordable housing is what's going to destroy Whittier

All respondent write-in responses to Q15: 'To what extent do you agree with

Neither Agree nor Disagree	Affordable senior housing is important. More rental properties devalue my property. Renters can up and leave when a neighborhood gets bad, homeowners ...not so easy to uproot. I believe every person who lives in a city should be heard, however, a homeowners voice should carry more weight since we've more invested in the city. More commitment to the city.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree that there is adequate, but not necessarily affordable to everyone. Its either really expensive or reserved for low income, which not everybody is. There is little middle-income housing.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	City needs to stop building motels and apartments. There is no appeal anymore it looks over crowded and is starting to look tacky
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Depends on the neighborhood
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Do not know enough to make informed decision.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Don't know the stats or numbers to comment
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Everything could always be cheaper. More low-end condos needed
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I am a college student living on campus currently, I have not looked at this yet
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I am not familiar with the senior life in Whittier
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I am uninformed on this issue, but I hope there is adequate & affordable housing for seniors in whittier.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I do not have enough knowledge to have an opinion. I'm 59 so I hope that there is.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't have information to render an opinion.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know about housing options so I can't say
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know anything other than what I pay, so not sure.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know but many homeless are older people who don't look like drug users.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I dont know enough about this issue
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know the answer to this.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know the prices as I don't live here. Poor question.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know the situation well enough.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't know what my opprtunities are for seniors
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't live in Whittier, so I don't know. There seem to be plenty of retirement/assisted-living places.

All respondent write-in responses to Q15: 'To what extent do you agree with

Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't think it's anymore difficult than other comparable cities
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I don't think that rental prices are very affordable but I think that is a statewide issue. I own my house ,and am therefore, unaffected
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I have no idea what options are available
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I have not had any reason to look into housing options for a few years now, so I am not familiar with the current situation.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I have not looked into it.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	i havent noticed a difference
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I honestly don't know.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I just don't know but affordable housing is not the problem with this homeless population
Neither Agree nor Disagree	I think the problem is the high cost of real estate in general. California is one of the highest cost of living states in the country. It is also one of the states with the highest taxes in the country. This has got to change, or we're going to drive more and more people out.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	It could be better
Neither Agree nor Disagree	It's expensive here
Neither Agree nor Disagree	It's average
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Like the rest of SoCal, folks are getting priced out of Whittier or are offered housing in apartments that have been allowed to decline by their landlords.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Middle income is not enough stuck in the lower middle class
Neither Agree nor Disagree	need more senior townhouses
Neither Agree nor Disagree	not enough info to form an opinion.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Not in the market to rent
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Not my problem
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Not sure, I am uninformed about that.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	People can afford rent if they work a normal amount
Neither Agree nor Disagree	real estate up in all cities
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Seems the overabundance is creating issues with property values
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Seems to be average
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Senior housing for one who need help or need limited help like Leisure World in non existent

All respondent write-in responses to Q15: 'To what extent do you agree with	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Some are pretty pricey and others are okay.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	The "homeless" that are doing drugs actually refuse to stay in the shelters because they CAN'T DO DRUGS IN THE SHELTERS. That's why they opt to spend night on the streets. They WILL GO GET FOOD at shelters- but they won't stay there.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	there are a varying degree of prices concerning housing.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	There is certainly adequate housing. Affordability is not something I am knowledgeable about. My concern is lower income housing that ends up cramming multiple families into small spaces. It's a health risk.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Too many absentee landlords. Renters causing problems and not taking care of property
Neither Agree nor Disagree	We never qualified for affordable housing, so this is not applicable to us.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Whittier is a great place to live and thus, is going to be more expensive than other surrounding cities. Gentrification is good and bad. In my opinion, those who have lived in Whittier for generations likely pay much less than I do as a newer property owner, however, I chose to live here based on the amenities the city offers and the safety provided by the police and fire departments. I don't mind paying a little more to live in this great city.
Neither Agree nor Disagree	Whittier is not immune to the skyrocketing costs of housing, though we are better so far than many in the LA and Orange County areas.
Disagree	500K for a townhome. That's. Not very affordable for the elderly
Disagree	Affordable housing is almost nonexistent
Disagree	Affordable housing is hard to find.
Disagree	Because there simply isn't If there is affordable housing then it's in the areas that the city tends to ignore and label it as "the wrong part of town"
Disagree	Buying into houses is impossible
Disagree	California has an expensive housing market and its very hard for people to find affordable housing that is safe.
Disagree	condos selling for 600 plus are not affordable
Disagree	Cost limitations based on income
Disagree	Decent housing for families is getting harder to find
Disagree	Do not know of any affordable housing in Whittier
Disagree	Even when they're supposed to be affordable, they're not.
Disagree	Everything affordable is over by South Whittier. I've been looking for an affordable apartment to live in in east whittier and I can't find anything below 1,200 a month.
Disagree	Generally in CA, housing is over-priced and lacking.
Disagree	greedy landlords have forced up rents
Disagree	High cost
Disagree	High cost unable to find adequate home if the fina. is non sufficient.
Disagree	Home prices are not affordable for the typical senior or young family
Disagree	Houseing is expensive, and we could use more variety of housing options.
Disagree	Housing in general in the entire state of California is expensive for many people
Disagree	Housing is a nightmare everywhere, not just Whittier.
Disagree	Housing is expensive
Disagree	housing is not affordable anywhere in southern california
Disagree	Housing prices are climbing so fast!

All respondent write-in responses to Q15: 'To what extent do you agree with

Disagree	I believe this ties in with previous questions about the safety issue. The value of homes are relatively high compared against the cleanliness and perceived safety issue in town. The market in Whittier is VERY unattractive to a young family just getting started.
Disagree	I cannot afford it---in a 35k salary
Disagree	I have checked and things are over priced
Disagree	I know many seniors and people with low incomes that want to live in uptown -- as it is central to everything - but can't afford teh ridiculous rents
Disagree	I know this is a problem especially for seniors.
Disagree	I myself am in college and I am currently living with my family because I can not afford rent on my own, and my parents are having trouble supporting us and keeping up with rent.
Disagree	I pay a high rent
Disagree	I personally know of families struggling and some homeless people.
Disagree	I read the papers. I see the people
Disagree	I won't ever be able to own in Whittier
Disagree	I'm a low income father, 22, and I would love to remain in Whittier
Disagree	Impossible to afford basic housing on minimum wage
Disagree	Inorder to stay in Whittier as a senior, you must be well heeled or have family to join with. I had hoped that some of this new housing would be affordable senior housing.
Disagree	It is almost impossible for young couples to buy or even rent in the city!
Disagree	most of the rent are expensive
Disagree	My aunt has been trying to move to Whittier for the past three years with her 3 children and wait list is so long and apartments are too expensive.
Disagree	my family and I have had to look outside of whittier while house shopping b/c we can't afford it here.
Disagree	Need for more affordable housing for young families.
Disagree	Need more affordable housing opportunities and better rent control
Disagree	Need more options and family housing. There is a housing shortage throughout LA County . Whittier is more afordable than other cities but we need more housing for our residents.
Disagree	not affordable
Disagree	NOT enough available
Disagree	Not for seniors. You're catering to multi family housing, and building it on the Blvd along with the dealership rebuilding is overwhelming the East. What about our quality of life?
Disagree	One bedroom apartments, upstairs, start at 1,200
Disagree	Prices of houses in the Whittier area are far above the average family can afford
Disagree	Real estate is generally very expensive in L.A...including Whittier
Disagree	Rent and prices are high, availability low in safe areas
Disagree	Rent everywhere in a LA county is too expensive. I make \$68k a year but I'm single so living on my own would be difficult/tight. I therefore choose to live st home with my mom to make things a bit esiser for both of us. You really need to have dual income and be married if you want a shot at paying housing. For us single people it's too much of a burden.
Disagree	Rent has gone up in the last 5 years
Disagree	Rent is vey high on whittier
Disagree	Rent is was to expensive

All respondent write-in responses to Q15: 'To what extent do you agree with

Disagree	Renting prices are comparable to many "hot" neighborhoods in LA. There seem to be plenty of senior house facilities, but I cannot speak to the affordability (I just don't know). New homes tend to be on the high end of affordability--but this seems to be widespread across Southern CA.
Disagree	Rents and housing prices are very high
Disagree	Rents are outrages, apartments are getting to be slums
Disagree	Senior housing is neglected
Disagree	The market seems to be climbing.
Disagree	The overcrowding is evident. The lackof senior housing is evident and should be addressed . Young families find homes in Whittier unaffordable. This is not unique to our city, but is part of the So California issue.
Disagree	The price of housing is expensive compared to the average wage.
Disagree	There are a lot of homeless people in Whittier
Disagree	There are barely affordable options for living as a single person or couple, let alone for a family.
Disagree	There are many empty lots in residential neighborhoods that are vacant and if developed could help with the housing crisis
Disagree	There are not enough senior communities
Disagree	There aren't.
Disagree	there needs to be an increase in housing market to get the right kind of people in community
Disagree	They aren't enough in SoCal
Disagree	Things are so expensive in California.
Disagree	To own a home in Whittier is cost prohibitive for most families in the current market.
Disagree	Way to many apartments costing \$1200 a month and up!
Disagree	We live in a nice area in California. It is expensive.
Disagree	We need a "Morningside of Fullerton" kind of option and lower rent options
Disagree	We need more quality affordable housing
Disagree	What you define as "affordable" might be different for someone else.
Disagree	whats with monstrosity by east whittier middle school?
Disagree	Whittier has historically done a poor job in zoning. We need more dense housing in uptown and a decent distribution of affordable places.
Disagree	Whittier is expensive. Period.
Disagree	Whittier is extremely expensive and it's difficult to plan to stay here long-term with a young family.
Disagree	Whittier is getting quite expensive to live in, rents going up and limited options for smaller units/homes
Disagree	Whittier is more affordable than other highly desirable communities, but it's still becoming out of reach for an underemployed, badly paid populace. Things are seriously out of whack everywhere. Maybe we can lead in this regard.
Strongly Disagree	Because i see homeless people everywhere in whittier
Strongly Disagree	cost of living here is insane and untenable relative to median incomes
Strongly Disagree	expensive, not enough studio, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom homes
Strongly Disagree	have you seen the homeless.. just look behind any bush.
Strongly Disagree	Houses need to be cheaper. Unaffordable. They are older homes that shouldnt be expensive.

All respondent write-in responses to Q15: 'To what extent do you agree with

Strongly Disagree	Housing is definitely not affordable, especially for families needing multi-bedroom homes or even for seniors needing single-bedroom homes
Strongly Disagree	Housing is expensive
Strongly Disagree	Housing is out of control with affordability, BUT that is not a Whittier problem, it is a California problem.
Strongly Disagree	Housing is overpriced making it very difficult for first time buyers to afford a home here. Rent is also out of reach for many.
Strongly Disagree	Housing prices are too damn high
Strongly Disagree	I had to move out of Whittier because I couldn't afford my studio anymore. I had to move to Long Beach and commute to work in Whittier every day.
Strongly Disagree	I have been looking for a small, one story home in Whittier for months, still looking. As a senior I would love a condo, but all are multiple story. I have lived here 47 years and would to stay, but it's not looking good at this point.
Strongly Disagree	I think the homelessness problem is evidence to that
Strongly Disagree	It is extremely expensive to live in Whittier for families, we are already priced out of our neighborhood and its a small 2 bedroom now worth 450k. The houses are not even being kept up and are averaging 500-600k below Whittier Blvd.
Strongly Disagree	It seems that Whittier has invested in New housing complexes in the last few years. However, building overpriced townhomes and upscale apartments is hardly creating affordable housing.
Strongly Disagree	Lack of unique housing. Also, the housing available is far too different and fragmented in pricing
Strongly Disagree	Lots of housing but not affordable.
Strongly Disagree	Nowhere in this county has affordable prices
Strongly Disagree	Onsocial security no-one can afford a home in the area.
Strongly Disagree	Our newer developments are at the luxury level and too congested.
Strongly Disagree	Prices to buy a home are out of reach. Renting is expensive too. Housing in Whittier is too expensive.
Strongly Disagree	Rent is \$2200-3200/mo. How is that affordable, especially for single parents and seniors.
Strongly Disagree	Rent is ridiculously expensive.
Strongly Disagree	Rentals are way too expensive.
Strongly Disagree	Rents are outrageous
Strongly Disagree	Rents are outrageous right now
Strongly Disagree	Rents are skyrocketing here
Strongly Disagree	rents are skyrocketing. I pay 50 per cent of my income to rent.

All respondent write-in responses to Q15: 'To what extent do you agree with

Strongly Disagree	Rents just keep going up, while salaries do not. Seniors especially feel the pinch.
Strongly Disagree	Rents was expensive and it is getting even more pricey. I would love to buy, but it seems out of my range
Strongly Disagree	Senior housing at affordable price would be great.
Strongly Disagree	The costs are unreasonable high for even min wage families and older couples on ss
Strongly Disagree	The Council lacks the guts to do anything but approve luxury developments.
Strongly Disagree	There are not quality senior housing other than Oakmont. Our resources are leaving Whittier because there are no high end senior projects.
Strongly Disagree	There is not adequate housing anywhere in So. Cal. rents are too high. Buying is barely an option anymore.
Strongly Disagree	There will never be "enough". the more you raise the taxes, the higher it will be to to rent or own a house.
Strongly Disagree	there's not enough housing
Strongly Disagree	We don't have senior affordable housing. Mother moved out of city after 25 years because housing is too expensive.
Strongly Disagree	We have limited high quality senior housing.
Strongly Disagree	We need transitional care facilities for seniors. The current facilities are nice, but we need somewhere in town that supports memory care and hospice.
Strongly Disagree	yeah right?
None	I don't know
None	I don't know
None	not sure
None	Tur lower the rent, the less desirable citizens stay! It's just that simple.