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Dear Planning Commissioners,

My husband, Tony Martinez and I, Laurel Martinez, live at the end of Chestnut St. in La Habra. We would like to make known our concerns regarding the proposed Starbucks at the corner of Chestnut St and Whittier Blvd.

We write this in response to Rodney Rivani's Response Summary to Property Conditions of Approval.

Our number one concern is our safety and that of our neighbors due to traffic flow. However, we are also concerned for Starbucks's customers when turning left on to Chestnut to try to get to the Whittier Blvd entrance and their attempts to turn left on Whittier Blvd after exiting Starbucks from Chestnut St. We also have concerns with the residents turning right on to Chestnut (coming west from Harbor) and avoiding any possible Starbucks traffic blocking our way or emergency vehicles. We don't want any entrance or exit from Chestnut due to safety concerns. As it is now, it is a very difficult turn left or right on to Whittier Blvd. (Please ask anyone who has ever had to make that left turn!)

Regarding 4 B, C and D on the Response Summary, these points all pertain to an entrance on Chestnut St. We know they want to put an exit on to Chestnut St., but we are asking that no entry or exit exist at all.

As to signage, we should not have to be responsible for the placement of any signage. What we would like to request is that Starbucks takes care to put up signage on Whittier Blvd stating, "No Entrance on Chestnut".

As a show of faith as "good neighbors", we feel that Starbucks should consider all safety factors for all the 18 Families living on Chestnut, both single family homes and apartment units.

Going forward, as to the demolition of the site, we have concerns because the building is known to have asbestos. How has this issue been viewed by the contractors and what will the impact be on residents, especially the young children? What kind of safety precautions will be taken?

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel and Tony Martinez

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