

March 21st, 2023

To: Mayor Amezcua and Council Members

As a longtime resident I am writing this letter to express my concerns on what I have witnessed in the downtown area. I have noticed through the past couple of years gentrification they have marginalized our Latino community and discriminated by moving fiestas patrias out of 4th Street, Noche de Altares, and 5 de Mayo fair. I bring my children and grandchildren to these events and it is sad to see gone the very essence of Calle 4. I want to see more Latino owned merchants, I want our events back! I want to see the Latino culture back to downtown. That's what it is know for culture. Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns.

Sincerely,

Santa Ana resident

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March 16, 2023

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Dear Council Members of Santa Ana,

I am writing to you as a concern Latino citizen of Santa Ana. I am first generation American. Born, raised and now a homeowner in the city Santa Ana.

My concern is the Latino cultural loss over the last few years in Downtown Santa Ana, it almost feels like our Latino Heritage has been thrown out of Calle 4. As a citizen, I'd love to see all more Latino owned business back in Calle 4, along with the tradition of Las Fiestas Patrias. I'd love to be able to share and create memories with my children in Calle 4.

Lets bring back the Latino culture to Calle 4, we as neighbors would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Jessica Vergara-Sandoval