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Having a canopy of trees is a rarity in the concrete jungle of metro Los Angeles. The decision to remove all the trees along Greenleaf at once is a terrible decision and on brand for just how bad local governments are with urban planning and beautification. It will take 15-20 years to have that kind of canopy again, if you plant the kind of trees that will allow for it.

I wish the city would have considered a long term plan to phase out the trees over a decade rather than turning it into a barren area. Southern California cities never opt for the surgical approach - always straight for the chainsaw.

By the time Uptown has a natural canopy again, and looks green again, my 7 year old will be nearly 30 and I'll have to remind him all the great times we had at the parades and strolling around Uptown enjoying shaded, walkable streets that are very rare in an increasing ugly Los Angeles County. We will not frequent the area once this happens.

Extremely disappointed in this city that seems to rarely get it right. I'm not interested in patronizing sun baked streets in an area that struggles to keep businesses thriving and insists on being built around cars rather than people.

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