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Dear Mr/Ms. Garcia.

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent decision to remove the trees on Greenleaf Ave. As a resident of Whittier, I believe that this decision is not only a horrible funding idea but also detrimental to the aesthetic appeal and environmental well-being of our city.

While I understand that the city plans to replace the trees with new ones, the decision to remove mature, established trees still seems nonsensical and, frankly, a waste of public funds. The mature trees on Greenleaf Ave have already been providing numerous benefits to the community, and replacing them will take years, if not decades, to restore the same level of benefits.

The removal of these trees will undoubtedly make the city look unappealing and unkempt, which goes against the image we should be striving for. Trees play a crucial role in enhancing the visual appeal of our streets, providing shade, and contributing to the overall well-being of our community. Removing them will only serve to make the city look off-putting and uninviting.

I urge the city to reconsider this decision and explore alternative solutions that preserve the trees while addressing any underlying concerns. I believe that it's essential for the city to prioritize sustainable and community-friendly initiatives.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and provide any assistance I can to help find alternative solutions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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