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To: Rigo Garcia

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To whom it may concern;

I am a new resident of Whittier as of May 2023. I purchased a home in Whittier because I loved that Whittier was recognized as a Tree City, USA.

I believe that removing the beautiful trees in uptown for smaller trees will have a detrimental effect on Uptown and Whittier as a whole. Not only will the beautiful landscape be affected and take several years to grow, but this would also have environmental and economic risks. Uptown Whittier is already struggling to keep several businesses and night life afloat and I believe removing the trees and turning uptown into another concrete jungle will take away from the beauty of uptown. Additionally, our world is heating up and trees provide shade to cool our cities down. It has also been studied that cities with less trees are hotter and struggle economically.

Please do not push through on removing the trees to replace them with small trees that will take years to provide any benefis. Many people who choose Whittier for its forestry will no longer be attracted to this beautiful city.

Thank you, Crystal Guerrero

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