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To whom it may concern,

I have just received news of the council's approval to remove all 113 trees that beautifully line our beloved Greenleaf Avenue and must implore you to halt this from taking place.

I was born and raised in Whittier and—despite moving to Germany to reside part time with my husband—will always call Whittier my first and forever home.

I attended Whittier Christian Uptown and spend my free time running under the canopy of these very trees. Greenleaf Avenue (and the surrounding Uptown area) will always be a sacred space of my own. And, it proved to be beautiful, safe place for my parents to raise us as well.

If fact, my father Dr. Michael J. Maguire—despite being a prime age for retirement— has still held onto his practice (Maguire & Welch Medical group: 7624 Painter Ave #100, Whittier, CA 90602) although becoming a part time resident of Dallas, Texas.

You see, we simply cannot “quit” our Whittier, no matter how far away from home life has taken us.

These trees are important to me and my family. Hence, why I write you all the way from Germany.

Pleas listen to your constituents when they tell you: do not unjustly remove these mature trees from their home on Greenleaf Avenue.

As far as I have been informed, there has been no official environmental assessment made regarding the potential damage due to removal of the trees. This is a great concern of mine as well. (Please inform me if one exists.)

These trees provide shade/temperature control, assist in pollution management, encourage wildlife to flourish, AS WELL provide natural beauty and charm to our city. 113 trees taken, is 113 trees too many!

I hope my email aids in your consideration to not move forward with this plan. Please direct me to where I can best be informed on any further decisions made regarding the Uptown Streetscape “Beautification” process.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Emily Maguire
Flight Attendant
