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Dear All Concerned,

I am contacting you today after discovering some of the horrendous plans included in the poorly titled "Uptown Streetscape Beautification," or, as it should be called, the destruction of Uptown. I have recently learned that the City Council has approved the removal of all 113 trees alongside Greenleaf Avenue in Uptown from Hadley to Wardman street.

First off, no environmental assessment has been performed to determine the damage that will be done by removing all of the shade on this street. This will cause significant damage to our local ecosystem. Please note, the lack of environmental assessment may lead to legal action if the City Council follows through with this unfounded decision, as it will cause a lot of damage to the town.

Secondly, it will remove shade that keeps people and animals safe from heat related ailments during the warmer months. As this is an unnecessary change, the City Council must take responsibility for any and all harm that comes to the general public due to heat related issues. Removing these trees means the city is no longer providing necessary coverage to both civilians and employees who are spending their time in this location. While the coverage is being replaced, it will take at least three years for the new vegetation to reach its previous standards. During this time, the City Council will be responsible for all of said issues, as it was an unnecessary decision, on the Council's behalf, that caused them.

It is also worth noting that these trees have been a part of the local community for an extended amount of time and that this action will be a direct attack on those who have lived here for their entire lives. The local community will have the right to pursue legal action regarding any harm to their mental health due to the City Council's actions.

There is absolutely no need for this decision. I urge you all to reconsider this choice. I will be speaking my voice alongside many others on January 23rd at City Hall.

Sincerely,
Joar Hedin