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Dear Mr. Garcia,

I am reaching out to express my **strong** and **unwavering** opposition to the proposed removal of 113 trees along Greenleaf Avenue in Uptown Whittier.

The trees lining Greenleaf Avenue are not just ordinary elements; they are iconic symbols deeply embedded in the character of Uptown. Beyond their practical benefits of providing shade and reducing carbon emissions, these trees contribute significantly to the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood, shaping the identity of Uptown and, consequently, the entire city. When people envision Whittier, it is often the picturesque Greenleaf Avenue with its canopy of trees that comes to mind.

A quick search for "Whittier, CA" on Google yields numerous images of Greenleaf Avenue, highlighting its iconic tree-lined beauty. The removal of these fully grown and splendid trees, as part of a beautification plan, seems counterintuitive. Greenleaf Avenue stands as one of the city's most beautiful streets, and redirecting efforts and resources to enhance aesthetics in other neighborhoods would be a more prudent approach.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to remove these integral trees and explore alternative beautification strategies that preserve the unique charm of Greenleaf Avenue. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated, as it reflects the collective voice of those who cherish the character and beauty of Uptown Whittier.

Sincerely,

Katie