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Dear Whittier City Council Members,

It is with a heavy heart and a profound sense of sorrow that I pen down my sentiments regarding the impending removal of 113 trees in our cherished community. These trees, standing as silent sentinels, contribute immeasurably to the breathtaking beauty and delicate ecological balance of our city. The mere thought of their removal casts a shadow of lasting negativity over our community.

I implore the City Council to reconsider and, if possible, cancel this heart-wrenching decision. These trees are not mere entities; they are the lifeblood of our environment, the very essence of our aesthetic allure, and crucial contributors to the overall well-being of our community. Their historic significance further intertwines them with the fabric of our community's identity.

In this desperate plea, I beseech you to heed the voices of the residents who share in the collective desire to safeguard our urban greenery. The environmental benefits, the visual splendor, and the profound impact on our collective spirit cannot be overstated.

I trust that you will recognize the gravity of this matter and act in the best interests of our community. Your attention and consideration in this pivotal moment are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lydia Gil

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