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Hello Sir,

My name is Marissa, I'm a Whittier local and grew up here as well. I'm writing out of concern regarding the process of removing all 113 trees that line Greenleaf as part of the Uptown Beautification project. It seems like the complete wrong move for multiple reasons.

I believe the goal of the project is to make Uptown even more appealing hopefully boosting economic growth on Greenleaf. I see this though as a way for rents to be increased-which will unfortunately boot out many of the current small businesses, and usher in more chains or large corporations vs our small business owning neighbors. I'm concerned for the livelihood of the current shops as well with a massive three year construction underway.

That being said there Must be a way to "beautify" Uptown without removing over 100 mature trees! We need to set an example for future generations that we can find success by pivoting and creating and not by tearing down to replace with new. I urge you, please don't do this.

Thank you for Your Time & Consideration,  
Marissa Gayton

Sent from my iPhone