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Hello Sir,

My family has lived in Whittier since the early 1940's. This is where my father was born and raised and where I was and raised. Whittier is and always will be home to me and my family. Living near Colima & Mar Vista I have spent countless hours/ days walking to uptown Whittier to enjoy the scenery, the architecture, the people, THE TREES!

Please, there's nothing more special in uptown than the tree lined streets. It's what makes uptown iconic to me and many others. It's what I first immediately noticed while watching "Father of the bride" at Uptown cinema as Steve Martin is frantically driving up Greenleaf past the theater in the movie! I saw those trees and knew right away that it was filmed right there!!

Not only does the trees provide, shade, oxygen, nostalgia, and beauty but it is home to many species of bird and insect and animal. We need to protect these old trees and keep uptown classic. No modern beatification project has even been beautiful... new trees will take decades to reach the height they are now and it will take decades for Greenleaf to look green again.

Please do not go through with this. I beg you.

Whittier has always been that slice of untouched beauty that will always be a huge part of my heart. Please do not uproot these beloved trees.

Warmly,

Ryan Young