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Hello,

I am writing to you today regarding the recent City Council decision to uproot the canopy of trees in the Uptown neighborhood. As your constituent and a resident of the community, I strongly urge you to reconsider this bill as it signals a new wave of industrialization, contradicting what the city of Whittier stands for. The unnecessary construction it would take to remove the trees would disrupt the businesses located in Uptown. Not to mention the move would remove several trees, which aid in reducing the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere while removing the beautiful natural landscape. As someone who frequents the area almost daily, my favorite part is when the sun begins to set, and the sunlight cascades over the trees, illuminating them with a golden radiance. Beauty like that is a rarity in cities, especially ones so close to metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles. Removing the trees would create a dull, mundane environment. Uptown would go from a walkable, scenic street to what is essentially one big shopping center. Please do not remove the trees, which have become a staple of this community.

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