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Hello,

Why take down the most beautiful and iconic part of Whittier? Those trees have made me happy for the last 15 years I've lived here! They are one of the things people think of when they think of Whittier! With the growing commerce of our city, we should think twice about what the citizens of this city want! Many people here are finding it hard and hard to afford the rent, please don't take away one of the most beloved parts of our city!

Please also consider the effects on mental health!! With rising rent costs people will be less likely to afford access to mental health resources! Consider the fact that many schools prioritize their access to mental health resources like therapy to those in worse financial situations, while that is great, many are left stuff too poor but too rich! These trees mean a lot to the people of Whittier and could break them if they are removed! Even though you are replacing them, they will not come into full bloom and full benefit for many years! We must also consider the environmental impacts, ecosystems and carbon!

<https://www.psychiatry.org/news-room/apa-blogs/evidence-of-the-benefits-of-trees-in-urban-areas#:~:text=The%20study%20found%20that%20people,likely%20to%20experience%20psychological%20distress.>

	<h3>More Evidence of the Benefits of Trees in Urban Areas</h3> <p>Previous research has tied people's exposure to natural environments, such as urban green spaces, to better health and mental health. A new study looks at whether a specific type of green space— trees, grass or low-lying vegetation— provides benefits.</p> <p>www.psychiatry.org</p>
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