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Whittier City Council members,

Both our families moved to Whittier in the 1950's - over 70 years ago. The trees are an important part of this city's history. Your plan to "beautify" uptown by cutting down the trees will only make it ugly like all the other concrete cities. It will not beautify it at all - it would be a terrible mistake; we need all the shade and oxygen we can get.

It is unconscionable that a group of 5 people who are not as old as us, or have lived here as long as us, can make this unacceptable decision about our city. To date, I have counted 70 public comments from Whittier residents who are against this outrageous decision to take away our trees. They belong to all of us who live here and pay taxes. This is not a decision that should be decided by such a small group of people. In a true democracy, it should, at the very least, be put to a vote for all Whittier citizens to decide. If that were the case, I'm sure the trees would stay. It is your duty to listen to your constituents. Do not cut these trees down.

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Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier

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