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Hello,

My name is Jasmine Vigil. I recently heard about the city's decision to remove the trees that line the streets of Uptown. Talking amongst my friends and neighbors, we really feel that this would be a great disservice to the Uptown Whittier area as a whole. I love going to Uptown and experiencing the shade of the trees; they become especially essential during the summer. I'd be less inclined to go if I knew there would be less shade. It's also concerning that it seems like there wasn't an environmental assessment made before making this decision. I understand removing a few trees at a time and replacing them with new ones incrementally, but all at once seems too fast of a change. I cannot stress enough how many of my peers are against this decision.

I was born and raised in Whittier and it would break my heart to see such a drastic change to a place that's beloved to me.

Best,
Jasmine Vigil