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Charles Bennett, 6055 Washington Avenue. I'd like to speak AGAINST the proposed tree removals. Removing over 100 trees would damage Uptown Whittier beyond repair, at best for decades and at worst permanently. I would like to echo the concerns of many that the proper procedures may not have been followed in approving the removal of trees. In general, I am concerned that tree removal decisions are made by engineers instead of arborists and residents. I would suggest trees be removed only gradually or not at all.

CC: CM; ACM; CA; Council; Original to CC; Public Binder; Department