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I strongly disagree with the city council decision to remove and replace over 100 fully grown trees in uptown. I grew up in whittier and still frequent the neighborhood for coffee- while the surrounding neighborhoods get blasted by sun and have no shade, uptown has the canopy of mature trees that makes it tolerable. The replacement of the entire canopy may seem like a fun idea now, but the initial removal and years long growing period will significantly reduce foot traffic as the street will be undesirable to visit without shade. The uptown stretch of trees is an island of cool, clean air in an urban area, and that will disappear- even if the trees are replaced. The environmental damage this project will cause has clearly not been taken into consideration, as construction projects harm the soil and disrupt the ecosystem.

Do not go through with the removal of the trees in uptown from hadley to wardman streets!