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Greenleaf Promenade Project
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13230 Penn Street
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To Whom It May Concern:

After reading the article in Pasadena Star News titled, "Residents push back on Uptown project to remove dozens of trees" dated February 3, 2024, I am compelled to write this letter.

Please, Please, Please do not allow the mature trees to be uprooted and destroyed. I have read two extremely informative books: Searching for the Mother Tree, by Suzanne Simard, PhD and The Hidden Life of Trees, by German author Peter Wohlleben. In each book and by independent studies, both authors describe the social life of trees. Perhaps everyone involved in this "revitalization project" in Whittier should read at least one of these publications.

Trees are living inhabitants of this earth that contribute enormously to the welfare of human life. Without trees animal life could not exist. Trees grow slowly and benefit from time as well as communal living in groves. Please do not raze these beautiful mature trees and replant "new" trees in the name of new construction. The roots should be a physical reminder of years of growth and a different but essential form of life on earth. Please do not let business and money be the driving force in your new project.

I am begging you.....please leave the trees.

Sincerely
Elizabeth Ponder

