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Hello,

I am speaking today to encourage the city council to do the right thing and not cut down all uptown trees at once. I am a proud whittier resident of 14 years, married to a born & raised whittier local. We purchased a home in 2020 on a tree lined street in Whittier, because the trees are one of things we love so much about this city. As a frequent visitor of uptown, I cannot imagine walking down Greenleaf in the hot summer without the canopy of trees cooling the street. It seems as if there is more emphasis being placed on business rather than the environment, so let's consider that. I know my family and I will be less likely to visit uptown in the hot summer if there is no shade to cool us. Furthermore, since the environment seems not to be an issue for the council, let's consider hollywood. There are countless movies, shows, and commercials that have been filmed in uptown. Father of the Bride part II in particular was filmed in uptown and begins the scene of "San Marino," which is really Greenleaf, with a beautiful shot of our ficus trees. Hollywood sees the beauty in our trees, but the city council doesn't. Do not remove the trees and leave future generations without our beautiful ficus trees that make uptown, uptown.

Thank you,
Genevieve Ayala

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