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Good Evening Mayor and Members of the City Council

Of course, I am here to speak about the trees. However, I am not just addressing the City Council, but also the UpTown merchants in favor of the tree removal. There is something I don't think anyone has said, but the whole plan could very easily backfire. The planet is definitely warming up and will continue to get hotter. We all need to seriously consider how hot uptown will be without the trees. I have been at many of your festivals and events in town during the summer where all I wanted to do was get under some shade. Awnings and umbrellas provide shade, but much less and only to the selected people getting serviced. Plus the sun moves so one may be in the shade one minute and not ten minutes later. It is going to be harmful instead of helpful to businesses. I thought the purpose was to have people come and leisurely shop, linger and eat. No one is going to want to come out in blistering heat nor in the cold of winter severely cutting down your hours of business. Most cities are beginning to take measure to help their citizens cope with the increasing heat, but Whittier seems to be moving in the opposite direction. The ones that should n favor of your uptown plan should be the merchants in other parts of the city and other towns because that is where the pocket books will be heading for a good part of the year. Uptown is different than our other shopping centers where you can park fairly close and then dash into a store or eatery. No so with Uptown. I hate to sound like McBeth's predicting witches who say "Double, double boil and

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trouble. . . something wicked this way comes.”