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I live in Fullerton, but I grew up in Whittier from my birth in 1973 til high school graduation from La Serna, 1991.

Those ficus trees uptown offer so much charm and beauty to the area. When I return to uptown Whittier, it's those ficus trees that offer me the nostalgic feeling I cherish while visiting my hometown. I do not support their removal. The thought of it makes me sick.

They offer those city blocks so much beauty and shading. I don't care if the roots are bothersome. Whittier is a wealthy city- just keep fixing the infrastructure. I don't believe the removal of those trees will be beneficial for businesses. I wouldn't want to support any business which is in favor of removing those gorgeous trees. I don't think I'm alone in that either. We have those same trees lining the streets of Fullerton! I can't imagine this town removing their ficus trees.

Part of the charm of Whittier and Fullerton is that old town feel... and the old trees go along with that look. No need to modernize Whittier to look like gross-a\*\* Irvine. There's a reason I never step foot in Irvine- cause it's the ugliest city on planet earth.

Please do not turn my Whittier into Irvine. Please do not kill the old ficus trees. The town will never look the same.

Don't be evil. Do not remove the old Ficus Trees.

-Melanie Aulger

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