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Dear Whittier City Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep disappointment and frustration with the city's decision to remove a large number of mature trees in Uptown Whittier without adequate replacement. This action disregards the city's own tree plan, which is a promise made to the community.

These trees are iconic monuments representing decades of growth and a significant part of our community's heritage. Losing their canopy over such a vast public space would be a tragedy. Their unique height and the shade they provide are invaluable, especially in our climate and especially in the upcoming hot months.

Replacing this natural shade with man-made structures, which are not going to last nearly as long as the trees, is both a wasteful and environmentally detrimental move. The proposed structures will not offer the same benefits as our mature trees, which contribute to the aesthetic beauty and environmental health of our city and shade not just customers of local shops, but pedestrians and drivers down the street.

In addition to their beauty and heritage, these trees play a critical role in carbon sequestration, helping to combat climate change. Removing them will significantly reduce the area's ability to absorb carbon dioxide, negatively impacting air quality. Furthermore, these trees provide essential habitats for various species of birds, insects, and other wildlife, and their removal will disrupt local ecosystems and reduce biodiversity.

From an economic perspective, the removal could have a negative economic impact on Uptown Whittier. Moreover, trees contribute to public health by filtering pollutants, reducing noise, and providing psychological benefits. Therefore, the loss of these trees could adversely affect the well-being of residents and visitors.

The mature trees are a defining characteristic of Uptown Whittier, contributing to the area's unique identity and charm. Their removal would alter the character of the community in a way that cannot be easily restored.

Have a sense of beauty, a sense of legacy, and a respect for the natural environment that defines Whittier and save these trees.

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