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It has come to my attention that the plan to cut down the Ficus trees in Uptown Whittier has been approved and I am full of worry in terms of accessibility. Uptown Whittier is such a beautiful place and it's trees are the reason I feel proud to call myself a Whittier resident, walking through uptown brings me a lot of happiness and I love being able to support the local businesses there; however I am only able to do so because of the Ficus trees and the shade they provide. I get heat sickness very easily which makes going most places extremely difficult for me when there is no shade to protect me from the intense California heat. Even though the cut down trees will be replaced, these newer trees will provide little to no shade and I won't be able to access Uptown Whittier anymore without getting sick. I beg that you please reconsider your decision so that I can continue to be able to enjoy Uptown and continue to support the local vendors there.

Thank you for your consideration,
- Claudia Steen