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Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. I was born and raised in Whittier, and the many ficus trees in uptown are near and dear to my heart.

These trees provide homes for birds, shade for pedestrians, and clean the air around us constantly. While I understand that the goal in removing these trees is to improve businesses, I feel a civic duty to warn you of the impacts. Removing shade on Greenleaf will greatly reduce the amount of foot traffic. Outside of those trees, Whittier is nearly unwalkable with so much heat and sun, and no refuge from it. Greenleaf is the only street I would willingly walk down in my hometown, and your council has voted to destroy it.

Once those trees are cut, foot traffic will fall dramatically as it will be too hot to go window shopping. While you want to improve business, your decision will kill a lot of small businesses in that street. Greenleaf is a beautiful, vibrant road with sprawling shade from those ficus trees. Without them, the road is unrecognizable and no longer special to Whittier.

Please don't make my gorgeous hometown a concrete jungle. I want other Broadoaks kids to get field trips around the Whittier that is lush and green (in some parts at least). The children deserve to have a vibrant town, and removing the only shade-giving trees will destroy that. If you are cutting them down to prevent the unhoused from seeking safety in shade, shame on you. If you are cutting them down purely for aesthetics, shame. on. you. I am extremely disappointed in your council's decision, and will not let this happen without fighting for all of the local animals that rely on those trees (humans included).

Shame on whoever voted to remove critical infrastructure from Whittier's ONLY walkable street. Please reconsider your devastating decision.

Best wishes,  
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Sent from my iPhone