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Hello,

My name is Lance M. Avila. I am in my mid-sixties, disabled, and poor. The highlight of my month is when my sister takes me uptown for a short walk under the cool and beautiful canopy of our trees. It is one of the few remaining joys of my waning life.

I have great difficulty walking. After taking months saving up for a four wheeled walker, I finally got one! I usually start my walk at the corner of Hadley and Greenleaf, heading down towards Philadelphia. When I was in my early twenties, I resided in the old, two-story, brick building, across Greenleaf from Winchell's Donuts, the one that was destroyed in the Whittier Quake.

Walking from Hadley to Philadelphia is the greatest time of my month! Under the coolness of the wonderful tree's shade, I feel protected and embraced. It is what lets me continue living. Please don't take that away from me. I know it's selfish of me, but, please, at least wait till I die before you destroy uptown. Please.

I have a question - what would cost less, buying one or two smallish mechanical units, capable of cleaning the sidewalks by having an operator stroll through the sidewalks of uptown, cleaning as they go, and making minor repairs to the sidewalks when needed, or removing all the adult trees of uptown, and sparsely replacing them?

Thank you for listening. Save Our Trees.

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