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Hi,

I am emailing you to let you know that I am appalled and furious at the city council's decision to remove all the trees in uptown Whittier. What's even more infuriating is that no environmental assessment was conducted to determine how the removal of the trees would affect the environment and the wildlife of Whittier. Those trees have taken decades to get to the size they are now and lots of creatures depend on them for food and shelter. During the summer months, they also provide shade and help cool down the atmosphere. For further evidence, a study was conducted in cities where trees were allowed to flourish versus cities where they weren't and the overall temperature stayed cooler in the cities with trees. Trees are very important and I urge you to reconsider your decision to cut down the trees of uptown Whittier.