

SAVE OUR TREES!

To its credit the Whittier City Council has implemented many environmentally friendly projects. It must not mar these efforts now. Our trees are living monuments. Let us protect them. To eliminate 106 trees as proposed in the Promenade project would be legalized vandalism! Taggers may deface walls but this city council would be responsible for aborting living entities.

Not only do the 106 trees in question provide shade, they filter out carbon emissions that are in overabundance in Whittier and our surrounding region as determined by a study paid for by this city council at a cost of \$25,000. That's \$1,000 per page. I suggest that this city council review it again. Sparing our trees will not solve our carbon emissions problem. However, removing them removes a vital remedy in the greater scheme of things. Better to fight a raging fire with a garden hose than let it continue to rage.

The cost to fell one tree can instead be used by the city council to help businesses in uptown improve their sewer lines. This seems to be a major complaint of some business owners. After all, we are a "business friendly" city.

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