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Hello City Council,

As someone who has lived in Whittier all my life and enjoyed the beautiful greenery of our Uptown space, I must urge you all to reconsider your decision about removing 118 trees from Uptown.

We have beautiful, fully grown trees that provide so much shade and atmospheric value to our streets around Greenleaf that make Uptown such an enjoyable place to visit. There has been overwhelming support (over 5,000+ signatures) from residents for a petition to save Uptown Whittier's trees. It is clear that the community loves and wants these trees to stay.

The issue of accessibility in uptown did call to my attention because I have an elderly grandmother who has a hard time getting around; however, she has no issue walking throughout the Uptown street. Even if this was an issue, the solution can be found in an alternative plan created by the SWA in 2022--the Pedestrian Promenade. With the streets fully closed off, pedestrians are no longer limited to just walking on the sidewalks and therefore can safely walk through Greenleaf's stretch much easier.

Please truly reconsider your choice at this upcoming special meeting. There ARE alternatives, so why are we trying so hard to kill these beautiful trees?

Thank you,  
Eva Rodriguez