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City council,

I, as thousands of other Whittierites are outraged and appalled at the project to remove the historic trees in Uptown.

The City's attempt at greedily corporatizing historic uptown into a bland, stale, Santa Monica want to be, is appalling, laughable and the council should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves for green lighting a heinous betrayal of the peoples' cries of outrage. Joe Vinatieri does *not* represent the overwhelming community of Whittier, nor, as it was made plainly obvious by the 3-1 voting, does the city "council".

I am a second generation Chicano from Whittier and have spent my whole life being proud of my city. It was always a hub of culture and a city that valued its own history. You are threatening the lungs of uptown Whittier for corporate greed. Whittier is not Old Town Pasadena, Santa Monica, or even Fullerton. Whittier is Whittier; historic, Chicano, proud, with extreme economic diversity.

Of course this decision is fueled by money and greed, and Vinatieri will be long gone by the time the negative effects of tree removal begins to take place in Uptown, that much is clear. But what baffles the mind is the pure lack of moral compass, with summer weather peaking in the 100s and global warming ever growing.

You people have not heard the last of the community and should be nervous at the backlash this will bring to the peoples minds when they think of their city council. Perhaps it is us who have failed to vote in people who represent Whittier and want to nourish the community. For that I am lamentful.

It is your job to listen to the community in which you *serve* not rule over. Our taxes are paying for this project, one that which should have never been approved.

As I mentioned my grandparents came to Whittier to live a happy life, in their Chicano community, living simply and with a high quality of life. My grandmother Joann Sanchez was responsibly for an *actual* beautification project, the painting of vines on the walls lining the Workman Mill Road stretch, to combat graffiti in the 70s. Her influence can be seen all over North Whittier, to la Puente, and as far as East LA and City Terrace. She has a commemorative plaque honoring her dedication to bettering her community in North Whittier. Her legacy is that of love and admiration. Yours will not fare even marginally in comparison.

I end this, if you even took the time to read it, saying this: the overwhelming majority of Whittier DOES NOT want you to remove those trees, and there will be, as you're aware,

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backlash from your beloved community if our valued opinions go ignored.

Sincerely,

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