

December 10, 2024

Whittier City Council  
13230 Penn St.  
Whittier, CA. 90602

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Now the City has been sued for violating State Environmental Law and Whittier's own Ordinances, over your drastic, 100% tree removal Plan for the Greenleaf AV project.

Today's *Whittier Daily News* highlighted the lawsuit on the Front Page:

<https://www.whittierdailynews.com/2024/12/09/whittier-conservancy-sues-whittier-over-greenleaf-project/>

Your Council brought this lawsuit on yourselves. It's clearly ridiculous that you've claimed there would be NO environmental impact to removing EVERY existing tree in the three-block heart of Uptown. Even your own experts have refuted that!

Over the past year, residents have shared detailed information and many examples of how nearby cities preserve their mature trees during major construction projects. Yet you've stubbornly refused to listen or learn.

Your dismissal of viable compromise solutions to modify the project caused public outrage to erupt. And the public's outcry has continued to intensify throughout this entire year. The petition to Save Our Trees now has over 6,400 signatures on it!

And the movement is growing. At the Whittier Sonata on Saturday night, we gave out over 500 of these Christmas stickers! People came up to us in the street asking for Stickers. Everyone said they want to Keep Our Trees!



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Our website, <http://www.SaveOurTreesWhittier.com> is listed on the stickers. The website has a link to Sign the Petition, and a lot of information, including media coverage of this ongoing Tree Controversy, and the content of the lawsuit filed against the City.

As we've shown all year, the public overwhelmingly supports the goal of upgrading Greenleaf AV while simultaneously Keeping our Iconic Tree Canopy. Doing that is NOT mutually exclusive!

Sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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