

November 18, 2025

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

*Subject: Opposition to proposed Ordinance to Suspend Tree Manual*

Dear Mayor & City Council Members:

Last Wednesday, CBS LA set up their morning show LIVE from Uptown Whittier to talk with community members about their top issues. They interviewed me under our Greenleaf Av tree canopy about your horrific decision to cut down ALL of those trees. Whittier Informed picked up the CBS 2-minute tree segment, posting it to Instagram and Facebook pages **AND IT HAS GONE VIRAL!**

In the past five days, those social media posts have more than 122,000 views AND 10,000 Likes & Shares! More than 800 viewers wrote comments and **95%** are supportive of Keeping our Greenleaf AV Tree Canopy. At tonight's Council meeting, I distributed to each of you a screenshot (attached) of these tremendous numbers, which I would have shown on the overhead projector. But I learned this week that you have expanded your policy to not only make public speakers invisible to viewers of City Council meetings, but also to prohibit us from showing pictures on the overhead projector.

Now, under the disguise of declaring a fake TREE EMERGENCY, you are planning to destroy the entire Greenleaf Av tree canopy all the way to Whittier Blvd, likely before the trial on the Greenleaf Av tree lawsuit is scheduled to begin on Feb. 20, 2026.

The public clearly wants sidewalk replacement in Uptown and throughout the City. You KNOW that the City can replace ALL of the sidewalks on the entire length of Greenleaf Av and throughout Uptown without cutting down our irreplaceable mature trees. Last year, the City replaced sidewalks on Washington & Philadelphia Sts. without removing ANY of those large trees. We have repeatedly pointed out that Pasadena, Santa Monica and other cities **value AND preserve** their ficus tree canopies during major development projects.

The number of signers on the petition to Save Our Trees Whittier is also exploding! Yet you continue to ignore your residents. With the notable exception of Councilmember Mary Ann Pacheco, the actions of the rest of you have galvanized the community. The next City Council election is less than five months away with highly qualified candidates challenging you. They have pledged to be Responsive Leaders...for a CHANGE.

Sincerely,



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29-year resident of Whittier

Attachment (2 pictures)

cc: Conal McNamara, City Manager  
Rigo, Garcia, City Clerk



Whittier Informed Instagram as of 11/18/25 (hundreds more on Facebook)  
122,000 views (Instagram)



5,782 Likes; 3,150 Shares; 657 Comments(Instagram only; hundreds more on Facebook)