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To: [City Council](#); [Plancom](#)
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I cannot attend tonight, but would like to following statement to be included in the citizen comments:

Trees provide air cleaning, noise suppressing, and storm run-off mitigating functions. These functions are especially needed in areas with impervious surfaces. Added to that, trees have intrinsic value. In study after study, areas with trees make people feel better, both physically and mentally. Crime rates are lower in areas with trees. Somehow trees need to be incorporated into business areas, both for the sake of the surrounding communities, and for the safety of the business areas.

Please make trees a standard requirement for all areas in Shoreline. Where there are large buildings there need to be trees, even if they have to be in planters. Where there are parking lots, there need to be trees to beautify otherwise sterile landscapes, and to minimize the costs of storm run-offs.

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