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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Exception 20.50.350(B):

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am extremely concerned about the staff proposed language change below. Since the justified goal is to accommodate retention of trees and this is already stated and addressed by the current language there is no need to provide even more authority to a single individual. This will result in developers, who seldom live in Shoreline to harvest (log) even more of our canopy. I strongly oppose this suggestion and believe that most citizens would too, if they 1) knew about it, and 2) knew the impact it could have.

As Commissioners, I hope you will represent the desire of most citizens and stop the unwarranted encroachment by developers on our trees. They are already allowed to take more than enough.

Thank you so much for the time you dedicate and for your continued service.

always,
Boni Biery

Justification – This is a staff proposed amendment to allow the Director to waive or reduce the minimum significant tree retention percentage to facilitate several other priorities such as preservation of a greater number of smaller trees, landmark trees, recommendations by a certified arborist, perimeter buffers, or other tree preservation goals.

Exception 20.50.350(B):

1. The Director may allow a waive or reduction, in the minimum significant tree retention percentage to facilitate preservation of a greater number of smaller trees, a cluster or grove of trees, contiguous perimeter buffers, distinctive skyline features, or based on the City's concurrence with a written recommendation of an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or by the American Society of Consulting Arborists as a registered consulting arborist that retention of the minimum percentage of trees is not advisable on an individual site; or
2. In addition, the Director may allow a reduction in the minimum significant tree retention percentage if all of the following criteria are satisfied: The exception is necessary because:
 - There are special circumstances related to the size, shape, topography, location or surroundings of the subject property.
 - Strict compliance with the provisions of this Code may jeopardize reasonable use of property.
 - Proposed vegetation removal, replacement, and any mitigation measures are consistent with the purpose and intent of the regulations.
 - The granting of the exception or standard reduction will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the vicinity.