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Dear Commissioners:

In this day and age of climate chaos and increasing heat islands due to extensive development and the reckless loss of large conifers, I hope the Commission will take a new, forward thinking climate friendly way forward when it comes to development. Shoreline city officials talk a lot about how much they love trees but when push comes to shove, the trees continue to lose. It doesn't have to be this way!

It's time to start thinking outside the box and start planning developments around the trees. We desperately need to start saving as many old conifers as we can since they are one of the best ways to combat climate chaos. YOU have the power to keep Shoreline green and cool, but unless drastic changes are made in the way the city is being developed, there will be more heat islands than trees. Archaic tree codes need to be changed to reflect our current situation as climate chaos is getting worse every year.

For the trees, Gayle Janzen