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1. Highland Terrace
2. No Response Needed
3. Waldo Fosmore
4. wallyf@fosmoreconstruction.com
5. 10.7.2021
6. Not answered
7. October 7, 2021
Planning Commission meeting
Comment

My name is Wally Fosmore and I have lived in Shoreline for 35 years.

Like many people we moved here from Seattle because of the tall native trees and also the excellent schools. Our three sons attended Shoreline Schools. We have built our business here. Looking around recently, I see a different Shoreline developing now. Due to the pro-development zoning codes, many many tall trees are coming down and are being replaced by large apartment buildings along Aurora, over in Parkwood near 145th and North City, along with smaller apartments that are going into residential neighborhoods all around Shoreline. I understood in 2018 that there would be Transit Related Development located along the rail zones but I am shocked and concerned by the number of developments going into many of our neighborhoods. Many lots are being completely cleared of trees. I do support housing but the City should have a better plan for minimizing the impacts of these buildings -- residential housing should be required to be at least somewhat compatible with the existing environment.

There are ways to design a building or a sidewalk around the trees. For instance WSDOT is currently installing an elevated sidewalk to save the tall conifers along Dayton Ave N. We all know traffic is already increasing and with these huge apartments there will be even more traffic, more cars producing C/O2. Taking down the trees, building multi-plex apartments, and adding more cars does not benefit Shoreline residents or the environment. These large trees are an already existing defense against climate change.

Because of the nature of my business, I travel daily to many nearby residential areas. During warm weather, our Shoreline neighborhood is consistently up to ten degrees cooler than residential neighborhoods just a few miles away.

I fully support the proposed tree code amendments submitted by the residents which would protect and preserve more of our tall trees. I do not support Amendment 9 recommended by City staff. Thank you.

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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