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On Behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team

This evening during Study Session item 6(a) you will be hearing about and reviewing proposed tree code amendments presented by the Tree Preservation Code Team. We are a group of tree supporters with a steadfast commitment to save the mature conifer and native trees in Shoreline. In our original support criteria, we presented all of the reasons trees need to be preserved including the many benefits trees provide mankind and the environment. However, we do need to stress there is a time factor. We are experiencing critical issues including heat domes, flooding, and human death. These issues will become more extreme. The Code Team first submitted these codes in November 2020. It is now a year later and we ask that the timetable be adjusted for a more expedient review. Per the current schedule these codes will come back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing in January and then proceed to Council in February for study sessions and a public hearing. We understand development permits utilize the tree code in effect at permit issue date. Therefore, we are concerned by this time frame as hundreds to thousands of more mature trees will be cut down. We ask the schedule reviewing tree codes be reconsidered.

Thank you.

Rebecca Jones