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Dear Commissioners -

Please carefully study the code changes that have been proposed as if our quality of life depended on them - because it does. When the trees are gone, people will leave (it's actually happening already) and without enough tall trees to offset the tall and massive multi-family housing, Shoreline will soon become a most undesirable place to live. The tree canopy is the single most cited reason why people have moved here and why they stay. As Commissioners I am asking that you support the proposed changes which represent the desire of the citizens you represent.

I urge you to thoughtfully prepare for the meeting in advance so discussion can be well informed. Each and every day our long established tree canopy is being summarily destroyed for the sole benefit of developers. Is this not an equity issue for those who have moved here because of the canopy? Can we not do a better job of saving our valuable canopy while also making space for more people? Please take this golden opportunity to take a visionary stance to help protect us all from the impacts of overzealous developers and climate change before it's too late. The Tree Code Team represents many citizens, I encourage you to recommend the code changes they have proposed on behalf of current and future citizens of Shoreline.

always,
Boni Biery

Here is quote from a recent Letter to the Editor of Shoreline Area News by Nancy Morris:

"The Planning Commission has the opportunity to change the trajectory the city staff continues to pursue for Shoreline that allows far too many trees to be destroyed for development.

The Planning Commissioners can be the visionary policy makers who do not ignore implications of climate emergency and advocate tree codes and design that incorporates existing tree habitat into the landscape of a building project; these commissioners could advise against the continued destruction of our trees in such an ignorant hubristic manner."

On December 2, The Tree Code Protection Team and supporters will again make comments regarding the protective tree code amendments. I hope for all our sakes in this community and to show visionary action for other cities, that you will recommend these protective amendments to the Council. So much now depends on your informed decisions. Once again I request that you read my letter recently published in the *Shoreline Area News* that pertains to you the Commissioners at this

link: <https://www.shorelineareanews.com/2021/10/letter-to-editor-new-protective-tree.html> and in its entirety below. Please consider the references attached at the bottom of this email letter and specifically review the information at TREES AND TREE RETENTION IN CITY OF BELLEVUE, WA <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/development/zoning-and-land-use/zoning-requirements/trees> .