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2.  No Response Needed
3. Scott Inglebritson
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5. 12/2/21
6. Code Amendments Batch #2, Tree Code
7. I cannot stress enough how important protecting Shoreline's tree canopy is. Last summer delivered a stark demonstration of climate change with the unprecedented heat dome in both extreme temperature and duration. We can only take that as a warning of what the future holds for us if we take no action. Yet Shoreline is still allowing development to remove significant portions of our urban forest as we allow even more added asphalt and concrete. I was chagrined to

see significant trees along N 155th Street (for the WASHDOT remodel project) replaced by small shrubs and sword ferns, hardly equivalent in any way to the benefits provided by mature trees.

I am writing in favor of adopting Batch #2 of Amendments to tree codes in Shoreline's Development Code as submitted by the panel of citizens. Personally, I would make the rules for removal of trees even more stringent, rather than allow developers leeway in design and mitigation, but we must start somewhere. Additionally, allowing the Director the ability to waive remediation requirements without very specific limits seems to allow too many opportunities to avoid replacing what was lost to development.

I urge the Planning Commission to err on the side of the environment. Aggressive action is called for. Please AT LEAST approve the Amendments as proposed.

Thank you,  
**City of Shoreline**

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