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Dear Commissioners:

Here my comments on Amendment 8 that I read at tonight's meeting:

My name is Gayle Janzen/ North Seattle and I'm speaking on behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team

Amendment 8. SMC 20.50.350.(B) 1. Tree Retention

We understand Amendment 8, with proposed Tree Retention of 25% on residential, MUR 35 and MUR 45 zones, might not be discussed this evening as it seems there is agreement on November 18 about increasing the Significant tree retention to 25%.

However, as part of the original proposal, the Code Team included a "Table of Incentives" for encouraging the retention of more than 25% Significant trees. Staff noted that our recommendations were labor intensive and, therefore, in accord with Staff recommendation, we withdrew these incentives with the request that the Planning Commission would ask Staff to work on appropriate incentives to accompany this code revision. We stated this request at the Planning Commission meeting on November 18 and also emailed this request to the Planning Commission and Staff.

The Comprehensive Plan, Natural Environment Element, Policy NE 6, states "Provide incentives for site development that minimize environmental impact."

We request the Planning Commission ask Staff to work on these incentives so the proposed code Amendment 8 can proceed to Council with the recommendation of 25% tree retention along with appropriate incentives.

Thank you.