

My name is Susanne Tsoming. I am a resident of Shoreline and a member of the Tree Preservation Code Team (hereafter called the “Code Team”).

The Code Team’s proposed tree codes do not have drastic changes, and in fact do not apply to seven (7) zones in Shoreline where major construction is taking place. On these 7 zones, (CB, MB, NB, TC1-2-3, and MUR-70’), developers can remove all trees and no tree replacements are required. The Code Team’s proposed tree codes apply only to construction on residential zones, MUR-35, and MUR-45 zones.

In the December 2nd Staff Report, City Staff noted that it needs more time to study several of the Code Team’s proposed tree codes. The Code Team believes the longer the study process takes, more of the pending permits will be issued under the current tree code, which will mean more trees are needlessly lost to development.

As stated in the City’s Comprehensive Plan, the Code Team reminds the Planning Commission and City Council that they are required to “[m]ake timely and transparent decisions that respect community input”. We respectfully request the Planning Commission to recommend the amendments proposed by the Code Team to the City Council.

Thank you.