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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PROTECTIVE TREE CODES NEEDED IN SHORELINE TO HELP MITIGATE CLIMATE EMERGENCIES Public comment to Shoreline Planning Commissioners December 16 2021

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Attention Shoreline Planning Commission:

RE: Public comment presented December 16, 2021 with attached references.

Regards,
Nancy Morris

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Nancy Morris, resident of Shoreline:

"Many climate experts consider the recently concluded 26th "Conference of the Parties" (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland to be a monumental failure to address our global climate emergency. So where does humanity go from here after delegates from 190 nations could not agree on what to do. C.J. Polychroniou, internationally known political economist stated, **quote:** "The outcomes of international climate summits are very discouraging, but the work done at the grassroots level by researchers and activists alike in the fight against humanity's greatest existential crisis is quite inspiring" **unquote.**

One hope is that localized advocacy can help mitigate the worse of climate change. In Shoreline one way is to preserve our mature trees; climate scientists have stated numerous times that mature trees are our allies to help mitigate climate emergencies. The Tree Preservation Code Team is doing just that with its protective tree code amendments before you now, the Planning Commissioners. The public knows that you contribute a great deal of

time to city of Shoreline, are the body vested to research the proposed development code amendments, and make your recommendations to City Council. We appreciate your commitment to this process described in current Rules of Procedure: Commissioners quote “are to be familiar with the facts on a matter in order to reach an informed, reasoned decision” unquote. We know the City is directed by the Comprehensive Plan (*Policies CP1*) to quote “encourage and facilitate public participation in appropriate planning processes...” unquote.

When you study the proposed amendments from the Tree Preservation Code Team, please note the code amendments apply to new residential, MUR-35 and MUR-45 zones only. These proposed tree codes do not apply to development zones of Commercial Business, Mixed Business, Neighborhood Business, Town Center 1-2-3 and MUR-70. On these 7 zones, all trees can be removed, no tree replacements are required. This is why the trees on new multi-family residential, MUR-35 and MUR-45 zones are critical to Shoreline’s tree canopy. The intent of public participation is to protect and save more Significant trees in Shoreline for the benefit of us all and not add to staff and commissioners work load. We are all faced with a moral imperative to do what we can to mitigate climate change -- again one hope is localized advocacy by dedicated informed citizens.”

REFERENCES

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“Chomsky and Pollin: Protests Outside of COP26 Offered More Hope Than the Summit” <https://truthout.org/articles/chomsky-and-pollin-protests-outside-of-cop26-offered-more-hope-than-the-summit/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=3d8d627a-db6a-4cb3-947b-839015db7ebd> (The following quote essentially

summarizes the outcome of COP26: “May I just say to all delegates I apologize for the way this process has unfolded and I am deeply sorry,” said Alok Sharma, the British politician who served as president for COP26”).

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