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Dear Planning Commission Members:

The City of Shoreline does not have to conform to the past or to other localities' standards. It can be a leader in maintaining and improving the quality of life and health of its citizens, which has been its stated goal. It can be bold and forward thinking in this time of climate change crisis.

Our trees are not only beautiful to behold, but more importantly now than ever before, they lower temperatures during heat waves and clean the air we breathe. In so doing, they reduce illnesses and deaths and assist in achieving the Tree City's goal stated above.

I beseech you Planning Commission members to truly look forward with high principles, and not to simply accept the status quo. Please accept and recommend to the Council the code amendments related to the City's tree regulations which have been proposed by the informed and qualified applicant.

Respectfully,

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