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Dear Planning Commissioners:

I am writing in favor of the proposed tree code amendments since they are not drastic and are in keeping with many of the tree codes of surrounding jurisdictions. I feel that Shoreline is falling behind when it comes to preserving our trees.

Now that climate chaos is bearing down on us, getting worse every year, it is difficult to understand why Shoreline isn't putting more emphasis on saving our large trees which are so important in helping to keep our communities livable as they offer all their climate saving benefits free of charge.

Please implement these code amendments as they will send the message that action is indeed being taken to help mitigate climate chaos.

For the trees,
Gayle Janzen
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- align Shoreline code (SMC) with environmental interests
- will protect more of Shoreline trees in the future
- are equitable and do not favor one property over another (*Director currently has authority to reduce retention of trees and replacement of trees*)
- will help mitigate climate emergencies and deaths from heat domes as science confirms trees lower urban temperatures
- are in the best interest of Shoreline citizens (benefits of trees, carbon capture, health of residents, beauty, value)
- communicates the City of Shoreline values trees

- agree with the direction in the Comprehensive Plan, Element 6, Natural Environment Goal NE X: “Maintain and improve the city’s tree canopy.”