Carla Hoekzema

Hello - my name is Gayle Janzen, a resident of North Seattle and I'm speaking tonight on behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team.

Here is a summary of several of the proposed tree code amendments:

Amendment 8. Increase the retention of Significant trees on developments sites to 25%. We included incentives to retain more trees as encouraged by the "NE18" of the Comprehensive Plan but we withdrew our table of incentives as Staff considered our incentives to be "labor intensive". As mentioned, on Oct 7th, Staff "is not opposed to providing incentives for developers."

The Tree Preservation Code Team understands that you, the Commissioners, can ask Staff to develop appropriate incentives to retain more than 25% trees. We cannot make this request. I did include this in my public comment at your meetings on Nov 18th and Dec 2nd and we ask you again this evening: the Code Team requests Commissioners ask Staff to develop appropriate incentives to encourage developers to retain more than 25% of the trees on development sites. Since Staff is recommending the 25% tree retention, we ask these incentives be presented with this amendment to City Council.

Amendment 9: We ask you to deny the word "waive" and eliminate the word "reduce". On Attachment C, page 16, Staff recommends this code to "further greater tree preservation". How does "waiving" and "reducing" trees "further greater tree preservation"? Please deny Amendment 9.

Amendment 10: We ask you to recommend that tree replacements are either on-site or a fee in lieu is paid. The developer does have the option to alter the design.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing the proposed tree code amendments.