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Kathleen Russell  
Resident of Shoreline  
On behalf of Save Shoreline Trees

I am here this evening to speak for the trees at the Pulte "5 Degrees" townhouse project in the Parkwood neighborhood of Shoreline. 67 tall mature trees on-site will be cut down, and an additional 12 right-of-way public street trees will be removed. This is a total of 79 trees, a substantial number of healthy trees. When one reads the actual list of trees in Exhibit 12, the tree retention calculation worksheet, the word "remove" "remove" "remove" is applied individually to each of these 67 trees, there is the realization of how devastating this will be to the Parkwood neighborhood, the City of Shoreline, and beyond. Of the 67 on-site trees, 54 are Douglas firs. Douglas firs that measure 44" DSH; 37" DSH; 36" DSH; also, many Western redcedar; and, Pacific dogwood, grand fir, and bigleaf maple.

Our extensive community of tree supporters acknowledge these trees and appreciate all of the benefits these trees have provided over the last 40, 50, 60 years. Benefits of clean air, shade, habitat for birds and wildlife. We acknowledge the wonder of these trees that connect us to nature, trees that are truly remarkable. These are the benefits that will be lost when these trees are cut down. We understand that "new" trees will be planted but new tree replacements do not equal the mature trees now in their prime of collecting and storing carbon. In Exhibit 7, titled "Neighborhood Summary", the applicant, Pulte Homes, notes that the trees to be cut down are...*(quote)* "unfortunately in the wrong location."... The trees are "in the wrong location..." We hope in the future, developers, architects and administrations will recognize the significant value of trees and will design structures and buildings around the trees. We hope in the future there will be the realization that trees and housing can co-exist. These trees are not in the "wrong place", it is humans who are making wrong decisions.

Since Hearing Examiner Reeves asked if there were any code changes, I do have a question regarding the tree replacement code Exception 20.50.360 (C)(b), in existence in Oct. 2020. This code was in discussion by Council and the tree replacement code 20.50.360(C)(b) changed in Dec. 2020 including a fee-in-lieu component. This relates to the reduction of replacement trees authorized by the Director (Exhibit 13) from 139 replacement trees, required by code, reduction to 110 replacement trees, a reduction of 29 replacement trees. My question is why was this project vested under Oct 19, 2020 code Exception 20.50.360 (C)(b) and not under the Dec 2020 code Exception 20.50.360(C)(b)? It seems PLN20-0139 subdivision applications and reviews continued into 2021. Thank you.