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Attention Hearing Examiner:

In previous comments submitted to you, I suggested that City of Shoreline accommodate more trees to show innovative vision when facing climate emergencies - that it can be done. To reiterate Bellevue, WA has code mandates of this type already – to construct buildings around existing mature trees. And several surrounding cities are still ahead of Shoreline in protective tree codes – this needs to change. We all must protect our mature trees — and not just give in to project architects, engineers, and developers who do not respect these goals. Mature trees will help mitigate heat-island effects, deadly heatwaves, and reduce air pollution. Young deciduous trees that even survive will take more than 20 years to do anything. The developers, landuse lawyers, and engineers could build with a visionary approach to leave a legacy for their own children, and grandchildren, and for future residents of Shoreline. Because antiquated codes say a developer can go ahead against the current best science for building design and preserving our natural habitat, does that mean they have the moral right to do so?? The City Staff of Shoreline are supposed to represent the citizens of Shoreline and majority of citizens in Shoreline want a livable future. The City of Shoreline with its own Comprehensive Plan - Community Design CD37, established a goal “to minimize the removal of existing vegetation, especially mature trees, when improving streets or developing property.” The current codes to be utilized by the Pulte 5 Degrees developer may be acceptable to city staff, but the codes are not acceptable to us the Shoreline taxpayers and the city staff should represent the Shoreline residents and taxpayers; they are not unfortunately — this is not only my opinion, but opinions of other Shoreline residents and organizations commenting on the Pulte 5 Degree development.

We need visionary City Planners and developers to work together. We cannot allow inflexible city codes for sidewalks, buildings, and tree loss to take precedent over the right path forward. I hope you can apply your authority in this matter. We are all faced with a moral imperative to take the actions necessary now for mitigating climate change.

Sincerely,

Nancy Morris, resident or Shoreline, WA