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Trees have long been the reason that Shoreline has attracted residents and are the primary characteristic of our city and neighborhoods. If we want to continue attracting residents who prefer to live among the trees instead of amid the denuded skies it is critical these recommendations become code.

As you know, numerous zoning codes allow for the total removal of all vegetation with no requirement to replant. This makes it even more important to safeguard our neighborhoods and preserve as many standing trees as possible.

I encourage you to speak for the trees before there are none of our large, seed-bearing native trees left standing to repopulate our neighborhoods with their offspring. We need our big trees now to sequester CO<sub>2</sub> and cool our surroundings from climate change driven heat. We will need them even more in the years ahead. Please demonstrate your foresight and recommend the passage of these codes to the City Council.

always,  
Boni Biery  
City of Shoreline resident, taxpayer and voter

### **City Staff recommends the Commissioners deny the following proposed tree code amendments:**

- **Amendment 2:** Significant and Landmark definitions – these are important to preserve more trees
- **Amendment 6:** Penalties if trees are damaged on construction sites. Penalties are already in code for critical areas. This code extends penalties to R-8 to R-48, TC-4, MUR-35' and MUR-45' construction zones.
- **Amendment 10:** This proposed code amendment is about replacement trees and removes the Director's authority to "waive or reduce replacement trees". Proposed code: either plant all replacement trees on-site or pay a fee in lieu to the City which goes into a tree fund to plant and maintain trees in Shoreline. The current fee in lieu in City code is \$2779/tree. The developer does have the option to redesign the buildings to accommodate the required replacement trees on-site.