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Dear Commissioners:

We strongly support the following elements of the proposed Shoreline Tree Code:

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.

Shoreline is currently losing massive numbers of trees in areas that have large existing trees. These trees are extremely valuable, particularly in fighting Climate Change, Heat Island Effect, Stormwater runoff and providing vital wildlife habitat. They also provide crucial quality of life for Shoreline residents.

These amendments will help us to prevent loss of valuable trees and also mitigate damage that is occurring from ongoing loss.

Please vote to approve these amendments. The Planning Commission has obligations to protect our environment for current residents, not just the rights of developers.

Thank you.

Janet Way  
Shoreline Preservation Society