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Dear Planning Commission:

It's frustrating that city staff is resisting changing some of the proposed tree codes that would save more of Shoreline's dwindling tree canopy which is currently being cut down at an alarming rate by the developers, who have few incentives to save the trees.

So I urge you to SUPPORT these amendments that city staff has asked you to deny:

- **Amendment 2:** Significant and Landmark definitions – the 6' dbh should be implemented since it would preserve more large trees.
- **Amendment 6:** Penalties would be enacted if trees are damaged on construction sites and would stop work orders. **Penalties are already in code for critical areas.** This code simply 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.

These are reasonable amendments that would help save more of our trees and should be applauded, not discouraged by city staff. We taxpayers deserve to have our voices heard above the roar of the developers' chainsaws.

For the trees,  
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