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My name is Isis Charest and I am a resident of Shoreline.

I would like to speak in favor of Tree codes ... And the intelligence of Trees.

When we replant significant trees with baby Trees the intelligence of significant trees that are 40 to 60 to 100 years old is totally lost. It's comparable to a child put out into the world to fend for themselves.

How can we expect to put three year old Trees in the ground and expect them to know how to fight all of the different challenges of our climate issues.

A Tree that is 100 years old has much experience in its root structure. It knows how to deal with insects, it knows how to deal with drought, it knows how to deal with fire, with extreme cold, with too much water. It also adapts to different soil issues.

As a Mother Tree it shares this information through its root structure with all younger Trees.

When that Mother Tree is cut down the younger Trees are very vulnerable and each baby Tree must learn all this information on its own .  
Therefore I support these Tree Codes:

- Definitions: Amendment 2 – 6” Significant tree definition; and, 24” Landmark tree definition: both of these definitions will save more trees in Shoreline
- Amendment 6 – penalties if trees are injured on construction sites
- Amendment 10 – require replacement trees be planted on-site or a fee in lieu paid to the dedicated tree fund for City to plant and maintain trees

Thank you for attention to the importance of Trees