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732 N. 150th St.
Shoreline WA 98133
February 27, 2022

Dear Shoreline City Council,

This note concerns the construction of a sidewalk on 5th Avenue. During this construction, I very much hope we can preserve as many trees as possible, especially the larger red cedars but also the others. It might be possible to have a walking path and/or bike trail on the west side, rather than a full sidewalk.

Yes, sidewalks are important. But they can be modest-sized, not wide. Sidewalks must be balanced with other priorities, not simply installed as an unthinking, knee-jerk reaction to a need. Mature trees cannot be replaced for decades. They are what make Shoreline distinctive and delightful. When we have cut them down, we will be just another blighted suburb.

Beyond 5th Avenue, I hope Shoreline will be open to a more thoughtful Tree Code, which is being proposed.

Sincerely,

Miriam Adeney