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Dear City Council Members:

I have been a Shoreline resident for over 30 years, and I am writing to you regarding 2 urgent matters.

1) The Tree Preservation Code Team proposed amendments that were presented to City of Shoreline in Nov 2020.

You received an e-mail on 2/25 from Kathleen Russell of the Tree Preservation Code Team with a summary of the proposals.

I would like to highlight and support the following points:

- 6" Significant tree definition and 24" Landmark tree definition means more trees will mature and store carbon.
- penalties for injury to trees at development sites.
- provide incentives to developers to save more trees.
- remove Director authority to "waive or reduce" tree retention and tree replacement code requirements, except on R-4 and R-6 zones.
- ensure that tree removal on large properties is subject to tree codes.

Shoreline is losing tall, mature trees for housing development at an alarming rate. Conservation of our existing tree canopy needs to be a consideration in every aspect of city planning moving forward.

2) The trees on 5th Ave NE that are in immediate danger of being lost

Please ask for removal of the Rodarte contract from the consent calendar so the sidewalk design can be reviewed. We need to consider options that could save as many of these trees as possible. Ideas including a change in the width of the sidewalk, elevated sidewalk, or a trail walk/bike lane on the west side should be discussed.

Please hear the many concerned voices of community members who are trying to balance protecting our valuable trees with the growth occurring in our city.

Thank You,
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