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Dear Councilmembers:

Some very dedicated citizens have worked long and hard giving you suggestions to make minor adjustments to Shoreline's tree codes. It really shouldn't be this difficult to save our mature trees from the developers' chainsaws.

I wish the trees could speak for themselves as they would ask why all the benefits they provide us are so easily ignored. Why are developers' profits more important than their ability to help keep our neighborhoods cool, provide homes for wildlife and create aesthetic beauty. I'm sure they would be more than happy to provide all their many benefits to new construction if the city and developers would be willing to do things differently than they have in the past. Desperate climate chaos times call for new and improved solutions!

These are more than reasonable proposals that I and the trees urge you to adopt:

- 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 are subject to tree codes.

The trees and the dedicated citizens of Save Shoreline Trees/Tree Preservation Code Team both work hard and free of charge to try to keep Shoreline livable in these uncertain times of climate chaos. Our asks are reasonable and important so please work with us so together we can be a positive force to be reckoned with!

For the trees,
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