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To: City Council

From: Kathleen Russell/Communications

Save Shoreline Trees

Tree Preservation Code Team

Date: March 3, 2022

Re: Council Annual Planning Meeting 2022

As part of your planning for 2022, please consider the proposals made by Save Shoreline Trees and the Tree Preservation Code Team (TPCT). There are important issues before you within the next month to protect and preserve the urban forest canopy in Shoreline.

- **The proposed tree code amendments** Council is currently reviewing. The time to protect trees is critical now. These code amendments will help support Shoreline's goal of "zero net loss" of tree canopy. *Proposed tree code amendments were submitted by the Tree Preservation Code Team.*
- **Amend the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan 2022** to add the policy "Housing development and the preservation of significant trees can co-exist with the goal of maintaining and increasing Shoreline's urban canopy." Per the application, there are numerous supportive statements in City of Shoreline publications stressing the importance of the Shoreline's urban tree canopy. In addition, the primary and important goal of Shoreline is to increase housing density. This proposed amendment respects the importance of both opportunities and acknowledges a necessary balance as the population of Shoreline increases. *Submitted by Save Shoreline Trees.*
- **Review the designs for the [new sidewalk program](#)** that are in progress now. *Concerns of citizens and Save Shoreline Trees.*
 - We support sidewalks but not the proposed width of sidewalks along residential streets.
 - Immediate: the new sidewalk project at 5th Ave NE between NE 175th and NE 182 Ct.
 - Immediate: the new sidewalk project at 20th Ave NW, between NW 190th and NW 195th St.
 - In planning: the new sidewalk project along Westminster Way N from N 145th to N 153rd.
- **Consider the establishment of the Urban Forestry Advisory Panel** of experienced citizens to advise the City and Council regarding issues affecting both private and public trees in Shoreline. This Advisory group would oversee the City's tree canopy and advocate effective and responsible natural resource policies in order to preserve biodiversity and sustain Shoreline's ecosystem for future generations. *Submitted by Save Shoreline Trees.*
- **Review of SMC Title 12. Chapter 12.30: Public Tree Management.** Public street ROW trees are public assets. This proposed code amendment will assure citizens are well informed regarding the removal of public street ROW trees: advanced timetable for public notices placed on trees; notification to the public via City website and the *Currents* publication. This code amendment includes a public process to provide comment regarding public street ROW tree removal. *Submitted by the Tree Preservation Code Team.*

On behalf of Save Shoreline Trees and the Tree Preservation Code Team - thank you for your consideration and review.