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To the City Clerk:

Would you please see that this letter gets to each of the Council Members. Thank you.

Vicki Westberg  
Shoreline

Dear Council Member,

I would like to add my voice to those who urge you to save the trees on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE between NE 175<sup>th</sup> and NE 182. These old trees have been serving our neighborhood for decades providing the things only trees can provide.

They reduce street noise and have a calming effect on traffic. They provide shade and reduce summer heat. They store carbon, a hedge against climate warming. They are habitat for birds and a thing of beauty. They are good for our mental health and well-being. Replacement trees are small and will take a long time to grow to do what these trees are already doing so well. What a waste it would be to destroy them.

Build sidewalks, but change the design. Don't punish the trees and those who value them.

Sincerely,  
Vicki K. Westberg  
Shoreline