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Dear Council Members:

On Monday, March 21, you will discuss proposed revisions to the Shoreline Tree Codes. I am writing to ask that you support the following revisions:

- Vote for approval of the definition of a 6" diameter-at-breast-height (dbh) Significant tree
- Vote that a permit is required for removal of every tree 24" dbh and over
- Eliminate Director authority to waive and reduce retention of trees on construction sites
- Eliminate Director authority to reduce replacement trees on construction sites

These code amendments will help to save our mature conifers that provide so many environmental and esthetic benefits to our community. The code amendment that would define a 6" dbh tree as Significant will protect established trees likely to grow to full size. The survival rate for replacement trees can be as low as 30%.

Additionally, I request that you ask your staff to save the mature, healthy cedars on 5th Avenue N that are currently due to be cut down to make way for sidewalk improvements.

Shoreline has a tremendous resource in its mature trees. I ask that you take all reasonable steps to preserve that resource.

Thank you.

Barry McGurl
Shoreline resident.