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To the Council,

As a long-time shoreline resident, I urge you on Monday, 3/21, to do the following:

- support the motion to extend the definition of a Significant Tree to 6" dbh,
- vote in support of requiring a permit to remove a tree of 24" dbh
- vote to eliminate the directors authority to waive fines and reduce requirements for tree retention on properties
- vote to eliminate the directors authority to reduce the number of replacement trees on a construction site.

Also, please work to save the two large cedars along 5th avenue that are slated for removal to make way for a sidewalk. The fact that there ARE options and that only now, after SIGNIFICANT community pushback and concerted efforts, is there any consideration of them is indicting and points to the need to rethink how construction contracts are awarded by the city. Why is city staff not encouraging tree retention when awarding contracts? We are not against sidewalks and development, but it's infuriating to feel like the default way that these things go forward is by flagrantly disregarding the natural environment, particularly when there are alternatives readily available.

-Ben