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Dear Shoreline City Council,

Myself along with many others have been writing and speaking since March of 2020 to advocate for tree retention in Shoreline by presenting information about the many ways trees allow us to live in harmony with our environment. How beneficial they are to each of us physically, mentally, and maintain our safety from the elements. Some have gone above and beyond to research codes and present reasonable options that allow for developmental growth as well as being responsible stewards of the trees in Shoreline.

It should be abundantly clear that citizens care about maintaining trees.

At this pivotal time for Shoreline in regard to tree codes, I ask that you support the trees by:

Voting for approval of the definition of a 6" dbh Significant Tree

Voting 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.

It should be a standard in Shoreline that development designs are presented with saving trees in mind.

Please save the Cedars on 5th Ave N. It is not too late to adjust the design with the reasonable changes that have been proposed:

Raise sidewalks above tree roots for the 17 trees in good and fair condition.

Trees of particular concern: the 46" dbh and 36" dbh Western Red Cedars at 5th Ave NE and 178th; both 100' high; 80 years.

- 1) [sonotubes](#)
- 2) [pin-pilings](#)
- 3) [PermaTrak](#) (installed by WSDOT along Dayton Ave N)

Additional suggestions:

- Reduce the widths of sidewalks, bike lanes, and buffer lanes on the west side to accommodate trees/tree roots
- Cut-out of sidewalk, down to **ADA approved 4'** around the trees to save tree roots and eliminate "walls"
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- **"Permeable" sidewalk is actually worse than concrete** as this product is "super thick" and has deeper installation with more root damage
- **ADA sidewalk minimum is 4' width.** Change configuration on west: 4' sidewalk, 4' bike lane, 1' buffer; East side: change buffer on east side to 1'; 4' bike lane, 6' sidewalk. The above configuration would save 6'. Eliminate wall at 5th and NE 178th.
- Discuss options with a street architect with the direction to save trees or a civil engineer experienced in saving trees.

Thank you

Rebecca Jones