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PLEASE LISTEN and PLEASE work with the Save Shoreline Trees coalition.

In addition to the science-proven benefits of our mature, native Douglas Firs, Western Red Cedars and other evergreen species, are our FIRST line of defense to fight climate change by sequestering carbon 24/7.

Our trees filter runoff that feeds our watersheds which in turn feeds the Puget Sound sea life; they clean the air we breathe, provide shade to counter heat island effects, are homes for birds and other urban wildlife. Replacement trees will take decades to do the job of a mature tree.

Cutting down our mature trees in favor of wider sidewalks in the hope of changing the behavior of people living here is a false assumption.

We do believe housing and sidewalks are important – none of this is contested, but all of it is happening at the cost of our trees. **We want the city leaders and staff to execute thoughtful creativity and a holistic approach to development that includes retaining and protecting our tall trees.**

Sincerely,

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