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Councilmember Robertson,

I am in support of the proposed tree codes being considered to protect and preserve trees in the Residential, MUR-35, MUR-45 and Town center -4 zones. I support the definition of 6" dbh as a significant tree. I support the requirement of a permit for removal of trees 24" dbh. I would eliminate the Director Authority to waive and reduce retention of trees on construction sites and to reduce replacement trees on construction sites. The basis for my support is an understanding of the real long term cost of tree removal. The capacity to retain stormwater is vital to the safety of homes and people living here. Mature trees serve as filters for pollution and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases. These costs to the environment and to the citizens increase with tree removal. We want businesses and people to be able to live in Shoreline without having to pay more and have poorer health. We can not allow the short term cost savings to developers of tree removal, to increase long term and hidden costs and health risks to the citizens of Shoreline and the economy of our city.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Shoreline.

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