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7. Dear Council Members,

I personally suffered significantly during last summer's crushing heatwave and want to do everything possible in my City to protect us in the future. This is a generational responsibility.

I am advocating that you strengthen and update our City's existing tree codes BEFORE it is too late. Among other things, we need to know how many trees are existing in Shoreline, and where they are located. They need to be universally spread over our city, not relegated to limited areas. We need to give utmost value to our mature trees. Please do not take them down casually in favor of concrete, which will kill us with heat and add so little to life.

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.
- and most importantly, our trees save our soil, which is our first defense against climate change and the dire food shortages that are predicted within only a decade.

Replacement trees will take decades to do the job of a mature tree. Please help our City and its people by protecting this incredible but endangered resource.
Thank you.

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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