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Hello,

As a Shoreline resident and voter, I share the conclusions of the Save Shoreline Trees non-profit group and its Tree Preservation Code Team, that:

- Trees are a precious, vital and beautiful part of Shoreline
- Trees in Shoreline are being cut down at a distressing rate
- Trees are needed to fight climate warming and its effects in Shoreline, such as heat islands
- Mature trees now alive in Shoreline cannot reliably be replaced in our lifetime

I agree with the Shoreline Tree Preservation Code Team that:

- Define a significant tree as 6" dbh or more
- Require a permit to cut down trees that are 24" dbh or more
- Do not allow the Director to waive or reduce the number of replacement trees at construction sites
- Developers should be encouraged to design around trees, replace trees on site and/or pay hefty fines

Please note that almost all cities surrounding Shoreline designate 6" dbh trees as significant trees.

And **please** redesign the sidewalks on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast so that the large cedars and firs will survive. I, along with a majority of Shoreline citizens, voted for more sidewalks but did not vote to remove trees in order to do it.

Finally, Shoreline trees are valued by people in this city. They are living organisms that supply better living conditions for people, birds and animals. There is an economic loss to Shoreline when trees are cut down. We need the presence of vital and beautiful trees in our lives.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Bates, Ph.D.