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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tree Codes and 5th Ave NE sidewalk

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My name is Claudia Turner. I am a Shoreline resident of 25 years and a member of the Tree Preservation Code Team.

I am asking you to vote in support of tree preservation, thus aligning with Shoreline's own goal of "no net loss of tree canopy."

Vote for approval of the definition of a healthy 6" significant tree. It is preferable to add to our canopy by saving these existing smaller trees rather than depend on tree replacement, which often has a high mortality rate.

Vote that a permit is required for removal of every tree over 24" dbh. Scientific studies cite the importance of preserving these larger trees in order to maximize their vital role in carbon sequestration and storage.

I ask you to deny Director authority to waive and reduce retention of trees on construction sites

I ask you to deny Director authority to reduce replacement trees on construction sites

Please drive through neighboring Woodway. Along the roadway of both sides of Deer Creek you will see creative and pleasing solutions for integrating very large conifers that ordinarily would have been removed to accommodate walk ways.

Regarding our own 5th ave NE trees sidewalk design:

There is particular concern for the 46" and 36" dbh cedars at 5th NE and 178th.

Please consider the design options of sonotubes, pin-pilings or Perma trak.

I urge you to narrow the widths of the sidewalks, bike lanes and buffer lanes on the west side to accommodate tree roots.

Sidewalk cut-outs down to the approved 4" ADA around the trees saves trees and can minimize the need for "walls."

Creative solutions regarding preserving trees are available and must be incorporated into sidewalk design as hopefully will be done on another 2022 project, 20th Ave NW.

Thank you.