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Dear Shoreline City Council,

As a Shoreline resident who is quite concerned at the alarming rate at which our trees are being killed, I am writing to urge you to approve the following items in the proposed new tree code:

- defining 6" dbh as a significant tree
- require a permit to cut down trees that are 24" dbh or more
- do NOT allow director authority to waive the requirements for tree retention at construction sites
- do NOT all director authority to reduce the number of replacement trees at construction sites.

Please note that many nearby cities (including Seattle, Lake Forest Park, Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, Edmonds, Kirkland, Redmond, Issaquah, and Snohomish) already designate 6" dbh as significant trees.

Furthermore, I urge you to continue to explore alternative designs for the sidewalk on 5th avenue that would result in fewer trees being lost, especially the magnificent 46" cedar.

The many large mature trees in Shoreline are a precious and virtually irreplaceable resource -- there is no guarantee that replacement trees would survive to full maturity or not be cut down for future development projects, and even in the best case would take decades to reach the height of the ones that we currently have. For those of us in our 40s or 50s or older, once a full-size tree is cut down, we will not see another one grow to replace it in our lifetime.

sincerely,
Eric Sieverling