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Dear Council Members,

I'm writing as a Shoreline homeowner and voter dismayed by the ongoing loss of tree canopy in our town. Once the mature trees in Shoreline are gone, the critical environmental and cultural benefits they bring will be lost. Even if replanted, it will take decades for our mature cedars and firs to regrow, if they even manage to survive at all. Do not waste this opportunity to do your part as leaders to slow the climate emergency. I call on you to take the following actions to protect Shoreline's trees when you review the proposed tree codes tomorrow:

- **Vote for approval** of the definition of a 6" dbh Significant tree
- **Vote that a permit** is required for removal of every tree 24" dbh and over
- **Eliminate Director authority** to waive and reduce retention of trees on construction sites
- **Eliminate Director authority** to reduce replacement trees on construction sites

I urge you to do anything in your power to protect our trees, including creative solutions to tree loss such as alternative designs for the proposed sidewalk on 5th Avenue NE. The people of Shoreline - and all future residents- are depending on you to step up to protect our environment and our trees. Sincerely,

Lauren Beste

12-year Shoreline homeowner