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Dear Council Members:

I'm a Shoreline resident who's following your actions regarding the alarming loss of Shoreline's mature tree cover. It's essential to have transparency between you, our elected officials, and us citizens (voters). I'm asking you to make sure citizens are informed about public tree removal.

Please support the Chapter 12.30 Public Tree Management additional code provision proposed by citizens:

1. Place placards on public trees 45 days in advance of removal. *The Tree Preservation Code Team agrees with 45 days after hearing the Tree Board discussion.*
2. Post a list of public tree removals and arborist reports on the City's website as a dedicated page.
3. Provide this Information in *Currents*.
4. Email residents who request advance notification of public tree removal. Auto-email can be used for this.
5. Notification placards posted on trees should include posting date, date of tree removal, City contact, phone number and email.
6. The Public may raise concerns to the Director of Planning. The Director may 1) postpone tree removal, 2) request an arborist review, 3) proceed with removal.

Reason for this proposed code:

Transparency. Public trees are public assets and we, the public, have the right to be informed in advance of public tree removal.

Thank you for supporting citizen revisions to SMC Chapter 12.30.

Sincerely,

Ramona Gault

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