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8. My name is Susanne Tsoming, Shoreline resident and a member of the Tree Preservation Code Team.
My comment concerns Study Agenda 8(a), Ord. 960, Chapter 12.30 Public Tree Management. This proposed code amendment, submitted in November 2020, was presented to the PRCS/Tree Board by City Staff on Feb. 24, 2022. At that time, the PRCS/Tree Board voted in favor of changing the current 14 to 45 days advance placement of public notification placards on ROW trees to be removed. However, City Staff has opposed the Tree Board's recommendation because (1) the annually updated EDM makes it unnecessary to codify in the SMC, (2) it would purportedly impact City and private development projects by incurring additional delay costs, and (3) it detracts from staff work to accomplish other priority projects. (See Staff Analysis, pgs. 8a-4 through 5.)
In response to objection (1), Staff does not want codification because it requires a lengthy code amendment process. As for objection (2), project schedules and timelines are typically established at the beginning of a project. For many residents, the 14-day Notice will be the first time they learn of a ROW tree removal when the permitted time for any public comments about it has already passed. The City's ROW trees belong to the public and increasing the notice period from 14 to 45, or 30 days, is reasonable and will insure full opportunity for public input. As for objection (3), that is a

time management issue.

9. (o) Support

Thank you,

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