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Hello Council Members,

I am addressing agenda [item 9\(b\) Ordinance 968](#), regulations for MUR-70':

Shoreline city planning has been all about block-style efficient housing development the past 20 years. Great, efficiency and cost effective is great but City staff and developers are only looking at what is efficient for themselves not what is effective and efficient for all of the citizens and wildlife that will be impacted by this one-track mindset.

Crazy stat that is being thrown at you a lot: Since 2019 according to Save Shoreline Trees tracking, 2,283 significant trees have been cut down and this is a *partial* count. While it has been said '*not to worry Shoreline has thousands of trees*', there *is* reason to worry.

The tree replacement program is not required on 7 zones where all of the trees can be cut down -- in North City, in Parkwood, along Aurora, along Westminster Way N, and most recently look at the plans for the 399 unit Modera development on Linden, where most of the trees will not be retained and no tree replacements are required.

Trees are invaluable to as heat shields and excess water runoff and erosion problem solvers. They are helpful parts of our overall ecosystem AND society.

Is the goal for Shoreline to become a concrete jungle where real estate prices are the only thing that matters to our city government? We can include trees in our development plans. They enhance, not detract from our city and its value.

Please PLEASE at least put in a %10 retention for trees in MUR-70 zones. If you're forward thinking enough and worried as much about climate change as you should be, bump it up to 15-20%. I think we all know that the hugely rich out-of-state and international development companies can afford to be flexible and adaptable for the green giants that do so much for our community.

On MUR-80' sites, 10% percent tree retention is required. With Ordinance 968, Council has the opportunity to reconsider the tree code on M-U-R-70 sites where none of the trees have to be retained.

A city cannot maintain both mature trees and increased development unless there is careful planning. We ask the Council to *stop the clearcutting of trees*. I speak as a witness to what will continue to happen on MUR-70' zones unless Councilmembers say "stop". When reviewing Ordinance 968 regulations for MUR-70' sites, please include 10% tree retention.

Take a stand for our trees so that they can keep standing for us for generations to come.

Thank you.

-Daniel Heath

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