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Dear Shoreline City Council Members,

I can't believe we are writing to you to request that you PLEASE pass the ordinance (968) to retain 10% of the trees on MUR-70' building sites. I wish we didn't have to beg for 10%, but here it is.

I am a 20-year resident of Shoreline, and thankfully I live close to the border with Lake Forest Park, so we definitely have an urban tree canopy near us. We are continually grateful for the trees that line our neighborhood. Trees make a neighborhood more desirable to live in; so it is with Lake Forest Park. The shade, the beauty, the habitat provided for birds and small urban animals, the carbon uptake, the roots that filter our water before it goes on to the local watershed....I could go on and on.

I understand that we are in a tough spot, and that there is a lot of pressure to develop some density - especially close to the new light rail stations. Additionally our region is sorely in need of affordable housing. Densifying near these transportation hubs makes SOOO much sense, and in the long run, this will also help our environment. BUT PLEASE, PLEASE consider what you are approving when these developers come calling. We need to retain all the trees we possibly can, so that our neighborhoods remain livable and walkable. No one wants to walk through a concrete jungle.

PLEASE retain freaking 10% of the trees! UGH! Why do we have to beg you to do this?

Thank you for your consideration,

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