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Councilmembers:

This is to request that City Council require retention of 10% of significant trees on MUR-70 sites.

The current situation where large developments can clearcut completely—with little to no setbacks-- is, first of all, counter to building a community that encourages walking. Yes, there will be connectivity with mass transit by new sidewalks, but properties and sidewalks with many trees are part of what have made successful walking communities elsewhere.

Secondly, trees in Shoreline have been cut down at an alarming rate. Take a walk in Parkwood on a hot day! Citizens all deserve the health benefits and beauty of the trees. Only with careful planning can the mature trees be maintained with the increased development. Asking for 10% tree retention on MUR-70' sites seems like a reasonable step. Yes, the city wants to encourage development, but also, the construction companies of the large developments are major national/international companies that can profitably design to save 16 trees out of 160 if cities require that.

Please stop the clearcutting and include 10% tree retention.

Thank you,

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