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Dear Shoreline City Mayor Scully and City Council members:

I'm a supporter of low-income housing as well as retaining significant trees. I think we can do both. These significant native trees provide shade canopy, prevent erosion, add to biodiversity, reduce noise, and suck carbon from our atmosphere. I realize that trees alone won't solve our climate crisis, but in the meantime it's our best solution and it makes no sense to cut them down in the interest of short-term profit. For low-income people, it's not easy to go to public parks or to the mountains to cool down, to feel connected to nature, to be blocked from the constant noise of the freeway. Each tree you save will only enhance the area with beauty, health benefits, and a tiny contribution to our climate crisis. Each tree taken down will add problems down the road from erosion to health issues. We need to protect and retain as many significant trees as possible as well as make the area as affordable as possible. Thank you.

Best,
Minda Martin