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Mayor Scully and Council members,

You recently passed code amendments that were significant for protecting trees in Shoreline. Thank you for that. As you look at Ordinance 968-MUR 70' Zone, here is another place to make a regulation change: specifically, this is a request that you consider and vote to retain 10% of trees at MUR 70' developments as is required on MUR 80'. This is a small number of trees, but a significant change from scraping the land of trees as happens now. It is important for developers to regularly design and build with the natural environment if we are to retain the livable quality of Shoreline for all Shoreline citizens. These trees matter for all of us and saving tall conifers at big development sites is also important for equity. It is important for building a walkable city. It is important for the physical and mental health of residents in these high-density areas to have these mature conifers right at their residence. Yes, high density development can be an important factor for slowing climate change—if done in a way that is healthy and doesn't contribute to more heat and less clean, fresh air right where some of us live. 10% tree retention on MUR 70' properties is a small step.

Thank you,

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