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Respected Councilmembers,

I'm writing this in support of comments submitted by Save Shoreline Trees and many other Shoreline residents about the regulations for MUR 70 zones. Our specific requests include:

- require that 10% of trees be retained for 70' buildings
- require that 15% of trees be retained for 80' buildings
- require that 20% of trees be retained for 90' buildings
- require that 20% of trees be retained for 140' buildings
- do not allow the Deep Green or Built Green incentive programs to eliminate the tree retention requirements.

Among the many reasons to require that trees be retained, I'm most moved by the noticeable cooling effect that trees have in hot weather. Everyone has experienced the relief of stepping into the shade of a leafy tree on a hot day. Everyone in Shoreline should have access to this free cooling. I expect that the multifamily buildings built in these zones will be occupied by low-income communities and communities of color at a rate higher than other types of housing, which raises a significant concern about the fairness of these regulations.

I'm also moved by the cooling effect that trees are shown to have on the heat of our environment. Studies have shown that areas with tree cover have a much lower temperature than areas covered by impervious surfaces. Trees also absorb carbon and help reduce air and water pollution. If the City intends to reach its greenhouse gas reduction goals, as I desperately hope it will, retention of as many trees as possible will be required.

Today is the time to decide to require trees to be retained in these zones. The climate is changing at an accelerating rate—we don't have time to do only what is easy. We must do the things that will produce

results. More large buildings will be built in the MUR 70 zones in the next few years because of the Link Light Rail stations. It's important to have the regulations in place before any of the permits for these buildings can be vested to current regulations.

Thank you for your concern for Shoreline's trees.

Maureen Traxler, Shoreline resident