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Dear Councilmembers:

Once again, I'm urging you to take more actions to save our tree canopy by supporting the following proposed tree codes in MUR-70' zones:

- 10% tree retention for 70' buildings
- 15% tree retention for 80' buildings
- 20% tree retention for 90' buildings
- 20% tree retention for 140' buildings

Deep Green and other incentive programs will not eliminate tree retention.

YES, I support that this code becomes effective upon Council approval (within 2 weeks). Shoreline is losing too many significant trees now.

NO, I do not support the Staff Amendatory Motion #8 on page 8a-22 of the 9/12/22 Council agenda.

NO, I do not support giving the Director discretion to reduce and waive tree retention on MUR-70' zones.

The above retention percentages are a very small ask so this should be very doable. As you are well aware, trees are a cost-effective solution to combat climate chaos because they store carbon, clean the air of pollution, and help keep our community cooler. Clear cutting so many of our trees in the MUR-70 zones is only increasing the heat islands. Is that really what your goal is?

This small ask seems like a no-brainer since it complies with Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan: Community Design, Element 2, Policies: Policy CD16 – "Where feasible, preserve significant trees and mature vegetation." And Policy CD37 – "Minimize the removal of existing vegetation, especially mature trees, when improving streets or developing property."

So please back up your stated support and acknowledgements of the importance of saving Shoreline's trees and approve the proposed tree codes for MUR-70' zones when these codes come before Council on September 12, 2022.

For the trees,
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