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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 4:24 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Heidi Costello  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 9/12/22 City Council Meeting Agenda Item re MUR-70<sup>1</sup> tree retention proposal  
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Dear Shoreline City Council,

Attached is a statement from Tree Preservation Code Team regarding the above-referenced subject.

Ms. Costello, by copy, please post the attached letter dated 9/6/22 to Public Comments from the Tree Preservation Code Team.

Thank you all for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Susanne Tsoming for and on behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team



September 6, 2022

Mayor Keith Scully  
Deputy Mayor Betsy Robertson  
City Council Members McConnell, Mork, Pabee, Ramsdell and Roberts  
17500 Midvale Ave N.  
Shoreline WA 98133

Re: 9/12/22 City Council Meeting Agenda Item - MUR-70' Zone Tree Retention Amendment

Dear Mayor Scully, Dep. Mayor Robertson and City Council Members:

The City passed unanimously on August 15, 2022 [Resol. 494 Climate Emergency](#) to lower its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 60% in 2030. We support and thank you for your commitment to reduce GHG.

The City's [2021 Sustainability Report](#) concludes that to reach this goal will require a host of **collaborative** programs from requiring all-electric in new construction to driving less or with hybrid or electric vehicles. As the Report states our City's established trees are a key component to combatting our current climate crisis.

Currently the City doesn't require tree retention on MUR-70' building sites because originally it was an incentive to developers to build around the two light rail stations in Shoreline. Of course, it would be easier, quicker, cheaper and more profitable for developers to build without trees in the way, so unsurprisingly, they oppose allowing any tree retention in the MUR-70' zones. Yet, like all of us, we must recognize climate change and adapt to a new way to do business.

We ask that the Council adopt the new tree code proposals to MUR-70' zones to reflect Resol. 494. By doing so, the City Council will stand out as an example of intelligent and thoughtful urban planners. Developers should be encouraged to protect and preserve trees in groves and design the complex accordingly. This will not only improve developers' building designs, but make them partners by building environmentally friendlier multi-family housing.

Sincerely,

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Melody Fosmore  
Susanne Tsoming  
Kathy Kaye  
Claudia Turner  
John Hushagen  
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